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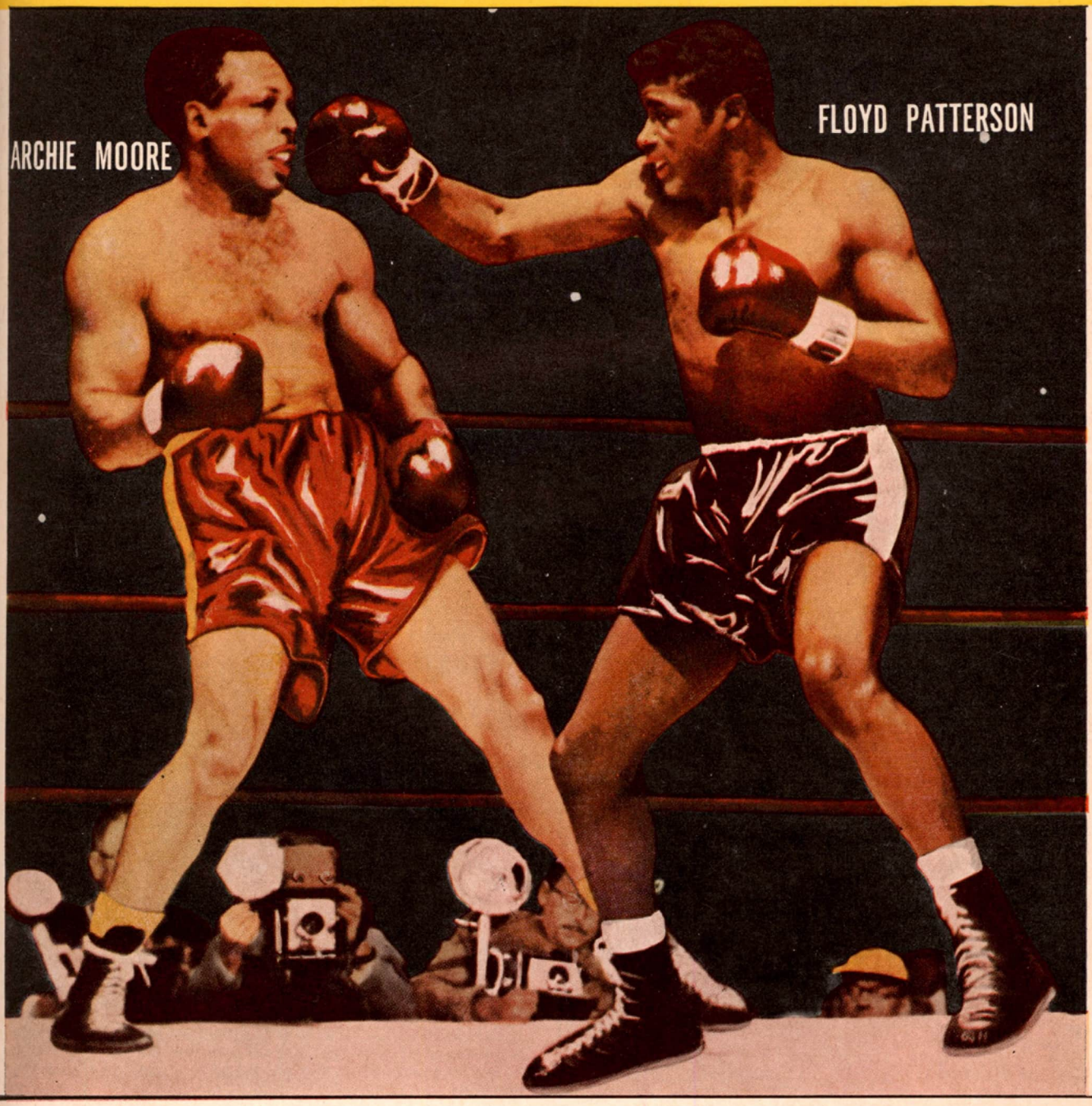

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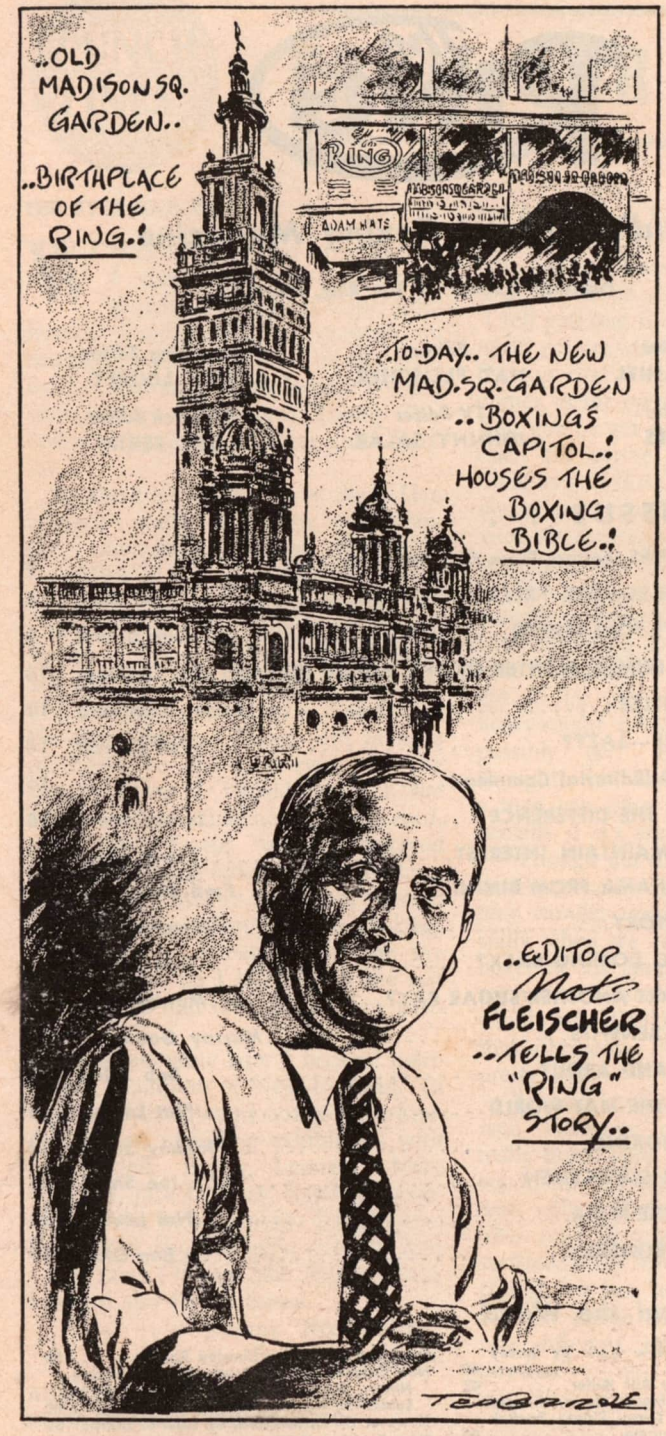

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FROM OUR READERS

THE EYES HAD IT!

WHEN I was a kid of seventeen I started out to box professionally. I trained at Capt. John Bond's famous training quarters in Stratford, Conn., where all of the great fighters had trained, including Tommy Ryan, Terry McGovern, Young Corbett and hundreds of other great fighters.

At the time I went over there Dan Morgan's stable of fighters were training, including Battling Levinsky, Knockout Brown, Jack Britton, Young Jack O'Brien, Al McCoy, Special Delivery Hirsch, Otto Kohler, Big Tom Kennedy, Jimmy Coffee, Johnny Howard and some more I have forgotten. The first day over there I boxed with Knockout Brown. Along with being a southpaw he was cross-eyed. In the second round I looked over at the referee and saw that he was cross-eyed, too. "*Boy,*" I said, "*what a cockeyed time I am having here.*" The only thing I was sorry about was that Brown wasn't hitting where he was looking. That night at a banquet he ate my dinner. Later on I boxed with the rest of the camp and took quite a few pastings.

Some few years later I became lightweight champion of New England. In my time I have boxed nearly three hundred times, including exhibitions with Abe Attell, Benny Leonard, Mike O'Dowd, Jack Delaney, Battling Levinsky and Big Jack Johnson. I have often been asked who I thought were the best I ever saw. I'll pick Abe Attell, Benny Leonard and Jack Johnson.

Johnny "Red" Allen
Bridgeport, Conn.

AUTHOR JIM CAIN LIKED DEMPSEY "WHODUNIT"

Not in years has The Ring Magazine published a series of articles producing so tremendous a response from its readers as has been evoked by the reopening of old mysteries and old cases like Jess Willard's victory over Jack Johnson, and the plaster of Paris charge in Jack Dempsey's triumph over Willard.

The most interesting comment from a reader has come from James M. Cain, the famous novelist, re the Dempsey knockout of Big Jess. Cain writes:

"Once, recalling Jim Corbett's obsession with science, the late Hype Igoe told how Corbett called on Dempsey, in his dressing room after the Toledo fight, and in answer to Dempsey pleasant inquiries as to "how I did in there just now," answered that Dempsey did fine, adding pleasant things of his own. 'But,' he went on, according to Hype, 'I tell you one thing right now. You're never get anywhere, Jack, screwing your fists up that way, coming out of your corner, at the opening bell of the round. You got to get loose. Keep you hands open till you're ready to hit. Close them as you shoot the punch. Nothing makes you so arm-weary as using that juice unnecessarily. Way you do, you'll be tired by the sixth round.'

"Dempsey, as Hype told it, listened amiably and thanked Corbett, it apparently occurring to neither one of them that Dempsey, as of that moment, had got as far already, in regard to the heavyweight division, as a man could possibly get. It illustrated, Hype thought, that there come times when a man can plug theory too much, especially if it's smashed up by fact.

"Though not disputing Hype's point, which certainly applied to Corbett, we may wonder regarding Dempsey, especially when we recall he was the best boxer of his time, and knew as much science as Corbett did, or anyone did, whether he COULD unscrew his fists that afternoon. Plaster of Paris can get pretty stiff.

"Having known Willard slightly, and seen Dempsey occasionally, I don't really much care. Dempsey will always be, as he was called by Charles Merz, now editor of the New York Times, 'that tiger of a man.' Willard walked as though his feet hurt, and smiled as though his face hurt. It is highly questionable if the result would have been very different, even without the rock powder."

James M. Cain
Hyattsville, Md.

THE DEMPSEY LEGEND

Regarding your article about Dempsey in a recent issue of Ring in which you bring up the subject that has been debated many, many times since 1919, whether Dempsey had plaster of paris on the tape he wore on his hands.

I didn't see the fight but have seen the pictures many times and know that Dempsey came into the ring with his gloves on his hands. This was infraction of rules no doubt even then. Willard's mercenary ways made him the victim because he managed himself and was not smart enough to cope with the "cunning" of Kearns, Dempsey's manager. I have always thought Dempsey won that one unfairly.

But lets take Dempsey in bouts that followed to see just how lucky he was. If Firpo, who didn't have a manager either, would have been smart enough to have claimed a foul "and disqualification immediately when pressmen helped Dempsey back into the ring" that first round, there was little Dempsey could have done to save his title.

In both the Tunney fights, if they been scheduled for fifteen rounds instead of ten, Dempsey would have been knocked out both times. In the latter one at Chicago in 1927, Dempsey though coming out of the fight a hero because of the long count, was so groggy he could hardly stand at end of the 10th; he never could have gone another round in his condition.

Dempsey, who is in Hollywood, at this time making arrangements for a movie, "The Jack Dempsey Story," finds himself in a rather embarrassing start with this Willard story appearing in "The Ring" at this time.

Ivor Remington,
Castle Rock, Colo.

KNOCK - - KNOCK - - WHOSE THERE?

I used to think the editors of "The Ring" knew something about fighters. I was one of the unfortunate persons that bought the November issue.

In that issue I read an article that made me sick. The article was written by Dan Daniel about Sugar Ray Robinson. By reading that article one would think Robinson was champion of some Boy Scout Troop instead of the Middleweight Champion of the world. You knock Bobo Olson, but what middleweight was able to stop him except Robinson and he fought all the leading contenders.

If I didn't know the two fighters, by your article I would think Robinson was the untested fighter and Fullmer was the proven experienced fighter. To be the leading contender I thought you had to avenge all losses.

Bobby Boyd made this Cyclone Fullmer look like an amateur and couldn't get him back in the ring to do it again, but still Fullmer is No. 1 contender and Boyd is No. 2. Also what about Lousse's defeat of Fullmer?

I have read your Ring for the last ten years and it sure hurts to see you tear down a fighter like Robinson for

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ROCKY MARCIANO

Private Citizen

Rocky Marciano relaxes as he talks over his future plans with Nat Fleischer, Editor and Publisher of The Ring Magazine.

ROCKY MARCIANO says he never will fight again. Looking at him you have no doubt he means it. The retired undefeated heavyweight champion is fat, must weigh at least 225 pounds, and no longer has the appearance of an athlete. In fact, a year after his retirement the always well conditioned Marciano is not an athlete.

Rocky is the undefeated heavyweight champion, and the object of attention whever he goes. We saw him in New York during the World Series. In Toots Shor's, autograph seekers crowded around him. Friends, and folks he didn't know stopped to say *"Hi Rock."* Two young girls came up and said: *"Do you remember us Rocky?"* When Marciano hesitated they added: *"We're from Hartford."*

"Oh, yes," said Rocky. *"I appeared at a benefit there."*

"For the policeman who got shot," said one of the girls.

"I remember," Rocky said.

"I told you he'd remember us," one girl said to the other.

Now He Has His Cake. Marciano and his wife Barbara, celebrating birthdays (Rocky's 33rd, Barbara's 30th) at a party in New York last Sept. 1. With no more weight worries you can bet Rocky cut himself a large slice.

Just Visiting. Rocky Marciano looks in on things as stars of the Elia Kazan production *"A Face in the Crowd"*, Andy Griffiths (left) and Patricia Neal (right), behind prison bars, joke with the former champ.

HUSBAND, FATHER MARCIANO NO LONGER LOOKS LIKE FIGHTER

By AL BUCK

A Bad Actor. Marciano measures the bad guy for one of his lusty lefts. But it's all in fun, just one of the many publicity stunts entered into recently by celebrity Marciano.

Swinging on a Star. Marciano, now with all the time in the world, spends much of it with wife Barbara and daughter Mary Ann, who is seen getting a ride from daddy on the swing in the back yard of their Brockton home.

Marciano still is living the life of a champion outside the ring. Only there is no training, and no fighting. The Series had just shifted to the Yankee Stadium for the third game when Rocky arrived.

"I've just come from the Coast," he said. *"I was out there for the Red Skelton show. TV and personal appearances keep me busy, and I'm making money."*

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During the Series Marciano was like any out-of-town fan in New York for the week-end. He was seen at the Copacabana, laughing at Joe E. Lewis's jokes, and dining late at the Harwyn Club. These are spots to which any young man might go to have fun. They are not places where a fighter would train, unless he was a Harry Greb, or a Maxie Rosenbloom. Rocky's presence only emphasized his sincere belief he is through with the ring forever. His career ended, the retired champion insists, when he knocked out Archie Moore.

What of another career, one outside of the ropes He is retired from boxing, but he is only 33, an age when many men just are getting established in business.

"I expect to make a sound business connection shortly," Marciano said. *"I have several prospects."*

He declined to say just what those prospects are, since he hasn't made up his mind which one to take. In the meantime he is still cashing in on his fame as a champion.

"I got a good price for my life story. Did you like it?" Rocky said. *"It is all true. I told what I had heard about Jersey Joe Walcott having a foreign substance rubbed on his gloves in our first fight. I know something got in my eyes.*

"And about my back. It always troubled me."

Marciano's autobiography, printed as a six part serial in a weekly, has had repercussions. Al Weill, the champ's manager, is bitter over the treatment he received, and some of Al's more articulate friends refer to the fighter as **"an ingrate."** The impression created by Rocky's ghosts is that while Marciano and Weill were associates they never were friends.

Each did his job, and did well. Weill, doubling as the International Boxing Club matchmaker in the beginning, gave Rocky a careful build-up, while Marciano did his part by winning. As long as Marciano was active, Weill was the absolute boss.

It is probable that the first major decision Marciano ever made on his own was the all important one to retire.

Charley Goldman, Marciano's trainer and teacher, and the man most responsible for his success in the ring, denies he was in the dark concerning the slipped disc in Rocky's back. Rocky's version is it was a well kept secret, known only to Allie Columbo, his boyhood friend and assistant trainer.

"As far back as 1949 I took Rocky to Dr. Robert Sachs for treatment," Goldman told me one night at the St. Nicholas Arena in New York. *"If you noticed I never had him push and shove about the ring with sparring partners while he was training.*

"I knew I had to be careful because of the trouble Rocky was having with his back."

Marciano's business opportunities are reported to include a promotional job with Sunnyhurst Dairy, located at Stoneham, Mass. The dairy is owned by Ernie Clevio, long a close friend. The Independent Nail and Packing Co., located in Brockton, may have an opening for him in public relations. A similar spot may be found for him at the Holland Furnace Co., in Holland, Mich., where he trained for the second Walcott fight.

So far the only job Rocky has had has been that of press agent for a dog track at Revere, Mass. His duties for the most part have consisted of presenting a trophy to the owner

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Special Feature

Leonard's Foul Punch Against Britton Deliberate So says The Ring's Detective in clearing up mystery of a 1922 puzzler.

By DAN DANIEL

LEONARD'S FOUL

Benny Leonard, known as a cool and calm customer, failed to cash in on a second world title when he fouled Jack Britton in their New York Velodrome bout in 1922.

This is the third of a series of Mysteries of the Ring, the unsolved Whodunits of boxing.

The fourth investigation into the doings of the past will concern itself with the world heavyweight championship bout in which, on June 29, 1933, Primo Carnera was the official winner over Jack Sharkey by a knockout in six rounds.

WHAT actually happened on the night of June 26, 1922, in the New York Velodrome, when, in the thirteenth round, Benny Leonard, lightweight champion of the world, struck Jack Britton, welterweight king, while Jack was down, about to take a perhaps fatal count from Referee Patsy Haley?

This fight rates high among the unsolved mysteries of boxing history. There were many suspicions, there were many explanations from the experts, and the 26,000 spectators had their own ideas about what had taken place. But what DID happen?

Nat Fleischer's Ring Record Book says that Leonard lost on a foul. Haley told Joe Humphreys, the announcer, to tell the spectators that Benny had committed the foul by striking Jack while he was down. What prompted Leonard to do this?

The first version from the Leonard corner was that Benny had **"lost his head."**

Later, in search of a more valid reason, the first one having failed to impress, Leonard said that Britton had had one knee off the canvas and was not legally down. This, too, hardly hit the cognoscenti as a plausible explanation of how Benny had come to lose the welterweight title on a foul. That Britton could have arisen before the count of ten appeared to be highly improbable.

Thirty-four years have elapsed and now it is possible to evaluate the various factors which entered into the situation that Summery night in the old Velodrome, which was situated just off Broadway near Van Cortlandt Park, not far from the site of Columbia's Baker Field. The Velodrome, with a 26,000-seating capacity, was put up for bike races, but now and then an important fight was held there. After the cycle vogue had disappeared the arena burned to the ground.

VELODROME FIGHT WAS THEIR THIRD AND LAST

The 1922 meeting of Leonard and Britton was their third, and their last. Nobody suggested a return fight.

They tangled for the first time on October 19, 1917, in the old Garden in New York, ten rounds, no decision.

Leonard had become the lightweight champion on May 28, that same year and had knocked out the featherweight title-holder, Johnny Kilbane, in three heats in Philadelphia in July. Benny was one of the all-time spectaculars.

Britton had not yet achieved the welterweight crown. He was to gain that title on March 17, 1919, at Dayton, Ohio, by stopping Ted Kid Lewis in nine rounds.

Leonard figured he had outpointed Britton in the ten rounder. But there were dissenting opinions.

On June 25, 1918, at Shibe Park, Philadelphia, Benny tackled Jack a second time, six rounds, no decision. Billy Gibson, Leonard's manager, figured he had handicapped Britton severely by forcing him to make 141 pounds. But Jack suffered little, if at all, from this circumstance.

Leonard had to call on all his wizardry to get an edge over the welter.

For four years Leonard met the best, East and West,

PUNCH

North and South.

In 1922, Benny was at his peak, only 26, acclaimed one of the greatest lightweights in boxing annals. This rating stuck with him. Perhaps Joe Gans was greater. Maybe he wasn't. In any event, there was a strong demand for another encounter between Leonard and Britton.

The record books said Britton was 37 years of age—perhaps a bit older. He was a superb boxer, one of the cleverest defensive boxers the ring had ever produced. But he's been an active campaigner for 17 years, with some 250 professional bouts behind him. Would he, with all his remarkable ring generalship, and advantage in weight, be able to hold off a younger and determined artist like Leonard for 15 rounds?

The ballyhoo was wonderful. It covered all the logical angles. Leonard, not satisfied with being lightweight champion, also wanted the welterweight title. Once again it would be the good big man against the good little man. Then, too, there'd be another test between Experience and Youth.

The publicity was tremendous, but there was one big discrepancy between it and fact. Leonard didn't want the welterweight title. He was doing very well as champion of an exciting lightweight class. He was quite willing—yes, even eager—to have Britton continue as welterweight king.

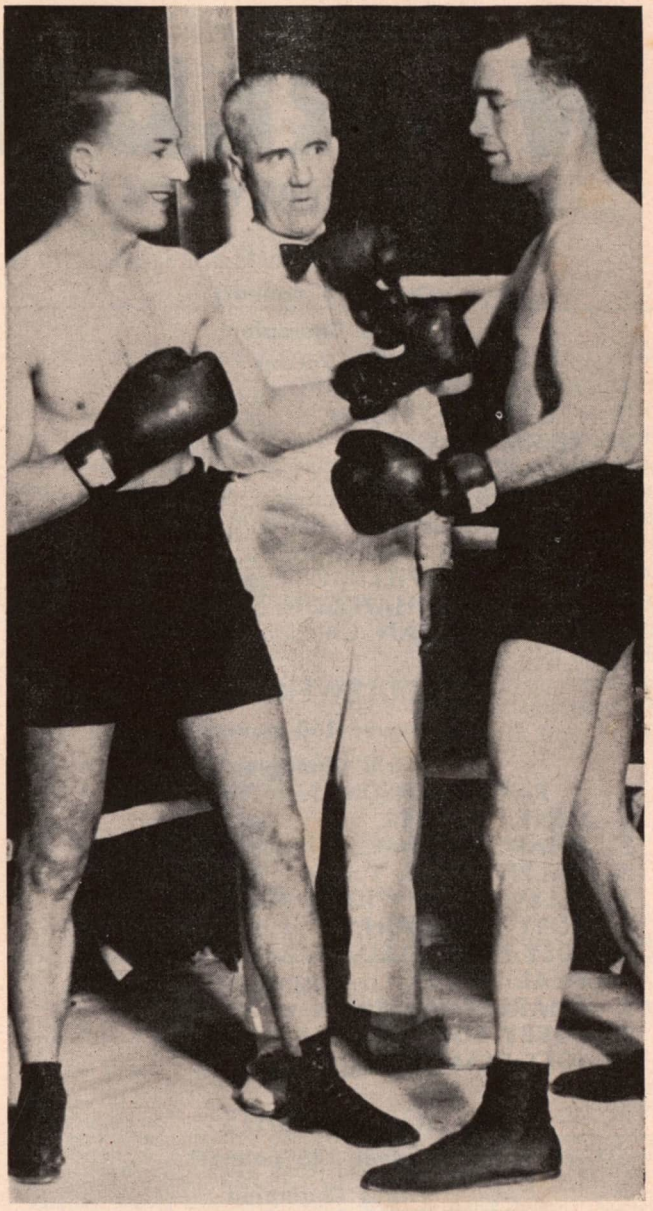
For Leonard, the heavier laurels would have meant nothing. Perhaps a bit of added prestige, but nothing in money, nothing in expanded opportunities to cash in. As welterweight champion, he'd have to meet heavier opponents. Then, too, Benny liked Britton personally. Everybody, in fact, liked Britton. He was a real credit to boxing. Now, as a 37-year-old veteran, he couldn't have much more to go. Why not let him keep the welterweight title, with what financial returns it meant to him?

This, it seemed, was Leonard's reasoning. Benny was positive he could whip the "old man", perhaps knock him out. But this he didn't want to do.

Yet how could Benny not win and at the same time suffer no loss in prestige? No fighter ever has had a keener pride in himself than Leonard. He didn't want to lose even to a heavier rival. And, yet, how could he have his cake and eat it, too? It was a ticklish situation.

LEONARD AIMED FOR DRAW

Those close to Leonard maintained that Benny found the solution by aiming for a draw. There was no hint of collusion or pre-arrangement between Leonard and Britton or their managers, Billy Gibson and Dan Morgan. It was



The principals in one of the ring's mystery bouts, Benny Leonard (left) and Jack Britton (right) and referee Patsy Haley. The ending was a keen disappointment to a fight beautifully built up.

strictly one of Benny's own decisions. Among his many accomplishments, Leonard was recognized as a shrewd "business man."

Leonard, as keen a student as boxing has produced, figured that the aging Britton would have difficulty maintaining a fast pace for fifteen rounds. He'd probably start to tire along about the half-way or two-thirds mark. Leonard, according to this story, would let Britton have the better of the early milling, then Benny would come on toward the finish and even the count.

There still was the chance, of course, that the officials wouldn't see it the way Leonard did, and the decision would not be a draw. But this was a chance Benny had to take.

The fight went exactly according to the story of the Leonard constituents. Boxing superbly, Britton ran up a comfortable lead during the early stages of the bout, and there was no denying that he began to tire along about the tenth.

In the thirteenth round Leonard sunk a short left into Britton's body. Jack sagged to one knee and protested to Referee Patsy Haley that the punch had been low. Haley, ignoring Britton's claim, began to count. Suddenly, Leonard

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By NAT FLEISCHER

WORLD RATINGS

RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING NOVEMBER 22, 1956

HEAVYWEIGHTS

(Over 175 pounds)

World Champion

Title Vacant

1—**ARCHIE MOORE,** San Diego, Calif.
2—**FLOYD PATTERSON,** Brooklyn, N. Y.
3—**TOMMY JACKSON,** Far Rockaway, N. Y.
4—**WILLIE PASTRANO,** New Orleans, La.
5—**HAROLD CARTER,** Linden, N. J.
6—**EDDIE MACHEN,** Redding, Calif.
7—**BOB BAKER,** Pittsburgh, Pa.
8—**BOB SATTERFIELD,** Chicago, Ill.
9—**INGEMAR JOHANSSON,** Sweden.
10—**JOHN HOLMAN,** Chicago, Ill.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

(Not over 160 pounds)

World Champion

RAY ROBINSON, New York, N. Y.

1—**GENE FULLMER,** West Jordan, Utah
2—**CHARLEY HUMEZ,** France
3—**RALPH JONES,** Yonkers, N. Y.
4—**ELLSWORTH (SPIDER) WEBB,** Chicago, Ill.
5—**RORY CALHOUN,** White Plains, N. Y.
6—**JOEY GIARDELLO,** Philadelphia, Pa.
7—**NEAL RIVERS,** Las Vegas, Nev.
8—**CHARLEY JOSEPH,** New Orleans, La.
9—**BOBBY BOYD,** Chicago, Ill.
10—**JOEY GIAMBRA,** Buffalo, N. Y.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

(Not over 135 pounds)

World Champion

JOE BROWN, New Orleans, La.

1—**DUILIO LOI,** Italy
2—**LARRY BOARDMAN,** Marlboro, Conn.
3—**WALLACE (BUD) SMITH,** Cincinnati, O.
4—**CISCO ANDRADE,** Compton, Calif.
5—**KENNY LANE,** Muskegon, Mich.
6—**RALPH DUPAS,** New Orleans, La.
7—**JOHNNY GONSALVES,** Oakland, Calif.
8—**JIMMY CARTER,** New York, N. Y.
9—**WILLIE TOWEEL,** South Africa
10—**RICHIE HOWARD,** Canada

BANTAMWEIGHTS

(Not over 118 pounds)

World Champion

MARIO D'AGATA, Italy

1—**RAUL (RATON) MACIAS,** Mexico
2—**LEO ESPINOSA,** Philippines
3—**BILLY PEACOCK,** Los Angeles, Calif.
4—**ALPHONSE HALIMI,** France
5—**TANNY CAMPO,** Philippines
6—**JOSE LOPEZ,** Mexico
7—**PETER KEENAN,** Scotland
8—**GERMAN OHM,** Mexico
9—**FILI NAVA,** Mexico
10—**KEVIN JAMES,** Australia

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

(Not over 175 pounds)

World Champion

ARCHIE MOORE, San Diego, Calif.

1—**GERHARD HECHT,** Germany
2—**HANS STRETZ,** Germany
3—**YOLANDE POMPEY,** Trinidad, BWI.
4—**CHUCK SPIESER,** Lansing, Mich.
5—**TONY ANTHONY,** New York, N. Y.
6—**WILLI BESMANOFF,** Germany
7—**WILLI HOEPNER,** Germany
8—**GORDON WALLACE,** Canada
9—**CHARLES COLIN,** France
10—**DOGOMAR MARTINEZ,** Uruguay

WELTERWEIGHTS

(Not over 147 pounds

World Champion

CARMEN BASILIO, Syracuse, N. Y.

1—**TONY DeMARCO,** Boston, Mass.
2—**JOHNNY SAXTON,** Brooklyn, N. Y.
3—**ART ARAGON,** Los Angeles, Calif.
4—**ISAAC LOGART,** Cuba
5—**VIRGIL AKINS,** St. Louis, Mo.
6—**VINCE MARTINEZ,** Paterson, N. J.
7—**RAMON FUENTES,** Los Angeles, Calif.
8—**GEORGE BARNES,** Australia
9—**JOE MICELI,** New York, N. Y.
10—**CLARENCE (DUKE) HARRIS,** Detroit, Mich.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

(Not over 126 pounds)

World Champion

SANDY SADDLER, New York, N. Y.

1—**CHERIF HAMIA,** France
2—**PAUL JORGENSEN,** Port Arthur, Texas
3—**HOGAN (KID) BASSEY,** Nigeria
4—**MIGUEL BERRIOS,** Puerto Rico
5—**CARMELO COSTA,** Brooklyn, N. Y.
6—**JEAN SNEYERS,** Belgium
7—**FLASH ELORDE,** Philippines
8—**CIRO MORASEN,** Cuba
9—**VICTOR (SONNY) LEON,** Venezuela
10—**RICARDO MORENO,** Mexico

FLYWEIGHTS

(Not over 112 pounds)

World Champion

PASCUAL PEREZ, Argentina

1—**MEMO DIEZ,** Mexico
2—**DAI DOWER,** Wales
3—**YOUNG MARTIN,** Spain
4—**HITOSHI MISAKO,** Japan
5—**DANNY KID,** Philippines
6—**ARISTIDE POZZALI,** Italy
7—**OSCAR SUAREZ,** Cuba
8—**BINDI JACK,** Australia
9—**ROBERT POLLAZON,** France
10—**FRANKIE JONES,** Scotland

CHARLEY HUMEZ
Fighter of the Month

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHT—Fenrick Ward, Trinidad, BWI.
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT—Tony DeFazio, Tucson, Arizona
MIDDLEWEIGHT—Eddie Thompson, New York, N. Y.
WELTERWEIGHT—Willie Morton, San Francisco, Calif.
LIGHTWEIGHT—Joey Donovan, Long Island City, N. Y.
FEATHERWEIGHT—Jesus SantaMaria, Panama City, Panama
BANTAMWEIGHT—Johnny Sarduy, Havana, Cuba
FLYWEIGHT—Christan Marchand, France

AS we go to press, the fight between Archie Moore and Floyd Patterson to crown a successor to Rocky Marciano is about to take place. Next month's issue will bring you the full ringside coverage of this epic battle as well as the middleweight championship fight between Ray Robinson and Gene Fullmer. Ray warmed up for that contest by toying with Bob Provizzi in a ten rounder at New Haven.

Charley Humez of France, the European titleholder, moved himself into line as a possible opponent for the Robinson-Fullmer winner by his victory over Ralph (Tiger) Jones in Paris. By his triumph Humez not only gained revenge for a defeat suffered by him at the hands of Jones early this year in New York, but earned "The Ring's Fighter of The Month" Award.

If Moore should gain the heavyweight crown, then an elimination among the light heavyweights will go into full swing. Already lined up are bouts pairing Chuck Speiser vs. Willi Hoepner and Gordon Wallace vs Tony Anthony.

Harold Carter of Linden, N. J., continued his climb up the heavyweight ladder by defeating Young Jack Johnson and has advanced to fifth from sixth place.

Right on his heels is unbeaten Eddie Machen, who kayoed John Holman. Machen moved up from seventh to sixth, with Bob Baker dropping down to seventh from his previous fifth spot. Holman fell to tenth place. Bob Satterfield and European champion Ingemar Johansson each moved up one place.

There were no changes in the light heavyweight class. Hans Stretz strengthened his hold on the number two spot by defeating the number ten man Dogomar Martinez.

Despite his loss to Humez, the closeness of the fight enabled "Tiger" Jones to hold his number three spot. Bobby Boyd inactive due to a broken jaw, was dropped down from seventh to nine, with Neal Rivers and Charley Joseph, who scored good wins during the past month upped one notch to seventh and eighth respectively.

Issac Logart's impressive kayo over seventh ranked Clarence (Duke) Harris, atoned for his upset loss to Gaspar Ortega, and allowed Logart to hold his four spot. Gaspar Ortega is close to breaking into the rated "ten." George Barnes regained his Australian welterweight title from Darby Brown and a place in the ratings. George is now eighth, with Brown being removed, along with the European titleholder Emilio Marconi of Italy. In and outer Joe Miceli of New York, who is on a three bout winning streak returned in ninth position and Clarence Harris was dropped from seventh to tenth, with Ramon Fuentes upped to seventh from eighth.

Ludwig Lightburn of British Honduras, who has announced his retirement from the ring due to an eye injury, has been replaced by the British Empire lightweight champion Willie Toweel, formerly a high ranking bantamweight. Willie is rated ninth with Richie Howard, whom Toweel defeated, dropped to tenth.

The veteran Belgian Jean Sneyers scrambled the featherweight rankings by his victory over number one man Hogan (Kid) Bassey. Bassey was stopped by Jean due to a bad head cut. The victory gained Sneyers sixth spot among the elite, with Bassey dropped down to third place, behind Cherif Hamia and Paul Jorgensen. Miguel Berrios who again defeated Flash Elorde moved up to fourth place from fifth, changing places with Carmelo Costa. Elorde dropped to seventh from sixth. Ricardo Moreno, hard punching Mexican, who previously had been rated sixth in the bantamweights, has outgrown that class and is now ranked tenth among the featherweights. Rudy Garcia, who was kayoed by Billy Peacock and Ike Chestnut, who was upset by Gil Cadilli, were removed from the feathers.

British Empire bantamweight champion Peter Keenan, who kayoed Kevin James replaced Moreno in the bantam rankings and is listed seventh. Other changes saw James dropped to tenth from eighth, with German Ohm and Fili Nava moving up to eighth and ninth respectfully. Alphonse Halimi victor over Tanny Campo has been advanced to fourth from fifth and Campo has fallen to fifth from third, with Peacock upped to third from fourth.

There were no changes among the flyweights.

RESULTS OF THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Harold Carter outpointed Young Jack Johnson, 10.
Heinz Neuhaus regained the German title by beating European light heavyweight king Gerhard Hecht, 12. Art Mayorga bested John Harper, 8.
Warnell Lester whipped Dave Bailey, 8.
British Empire champion Joe Bygraves stopped Johnny Williams, 7.
Bob Satterfield kayoed Claude Chapman, 7.
Eddie Machen kayoed John Holman, 7.
Wayne Bethea outpunched Howie Turner, 10.
Nino Valdes kayoed Bob Woodall, 3. Belgian Champion Alain Cherville stopped Andre Wyns, 4. Charley Norkus outmauled Joe Rowan, 10.
Howard King outscored George Chuvalo, 8. Buddy Turman stopped Emil Brtko, 3. Jeff Dyer outfought Shelly Finch, 6, and kayoed Richie Norden, 2; while Finch bested Chuck Whelton, 6; Dyer then kayoed Tommy Black, 3.
Chubby Norris and Dave Bailey drew, 8. Amos Lincoln kayoed Barrie Jackson, 2. Howie Turner bested Calvin Wilson, 6.
Rubin Vargas kayoed John Carroll, 4. Edgar Hernandez and Aldo Pellegrini drew, 6. Johnny York bested Johnny Hoye, 6. and kayoed Joe Bramaham, 2.
Alex Miteff defeated John Henry, 6. Crowe Peele kayoed Jim Saunders, 3. Werner Wiegand won from Alois Senn on disqualification, 7. Ady Bivers decisioned Robert Bedrnik, 6.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Clarence Hinnart stopped middleweight Richard Kelly, 6. Nick Turner upset Ruben Hernandez, 10. Jim Robinson kayoed Pat Roberts, 1.
Hans Stretz outpointed Dogomar Martinez, 10.
Yvon Durelle outpointed Chubby Wright, 10, and kayoed Bobby King, 1. Jempy Bentz kayoed Austrian Champion Alfons Kubes, 3.
Australian titleholder Ricardo Marcos lost to middleweight Tiberio Mitri, 10. Alvin Green kayoed Lester Earls, 3.
George Kartalian whipped Murray Bennett, 8.
Willi Besmanoff posted his 11th straight victory of 1956 by whipping Don Ellis, 8. Cal Brad outscored Matt Jackson, 10.
Angelo DeFendis kayoed Archie Whitfield, 1, and beat Said Khelfa, 6. Julio Carreras stopped Miguel Napoles, 3. George Jarosch edged out Wayne Womochil, 8. Jimmy Thornton beat Floyd McCoy, 8. Artemio Calzavarra retained Italian title by stopping Ivano Fontana, 9.
Kid Sixto upset Andy Domebo, 6, then repeated in 6. Tommy Villa stopped Herschel Bailey, 3. Al Sparks bested Jackie Headon, 6.
Ray Dittrich decisioned Jerry Holman, 6. Jerry kayoed Willis Boyd, 4. Sonny Ray kayoed Ralph Friend, 1. Frank Perry bested Bobby Gordon, 6. Jimmy Tillis stopped Ray Belasico, 1. Dick D'Orsi stopped Joey Henderson, 6.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Charley Humez decisioned Ralph "Tiger" Jones, in 10.
Joey Giardello outfought Charlie Cotton, 10. Clarence Cook outboxed Chet Miezala, 6.
Fred Terry kayoed Johnny Howard, 3.
World Champion Ray Robinson outpointed Bob Provizzi, 10, (non-title), Bob defeated Tim Jones, 8.
Neal Rivers halted Al Hauser, 9
Charley Joseph outpointed Willie Vaughn, 10.
Joey Giambra outpunched Gil Turner, 10. Holly Mims outboxed

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JUNIOR TITLES

By LESTER BROMBERG

Johnny Dundee, considered the best featherweight in the world despite the fact that Johnny Kilbane was champion, couldn't get a crack at the title. In 1920 New York established the junior championships and Dundee won the 130-pound crown on a foul over George (KO) Chaney.

"*OUT of disappointment and by frustration,*" using the lingo of horse breeding, that's the most accurate way to describe the birth of boxing's best-remembered junior championship, the 130-pound junior lightweight crown, 35 years ago. Dead some years now, the championship may be revived.

If the junior lightweight title was strictly contrived, as its knockers long contended, there was a good reason. In the years of World War I, and directly following, Johnny Dundee, the sprightly, smart New Yorker, appeared, beyond doubt, to be the best featherweight in the world. But could he get at the title? No. He was walled out by the then 126-pound king, Johnny Kilbane, of Cleveland.

Why? Well, for one thing, Kilbane knew too much about Dundee and his skills. In 1912, shortly after Kilbane had beaten a wornout Abe Attell for the crown in 20 rounds at Vernon, Cal., they boxed 10 rounds no decision in New York. Then the 20-year-old Dundee was matched with Kilbane in a title fight on April 29, 1913, in Vernon.

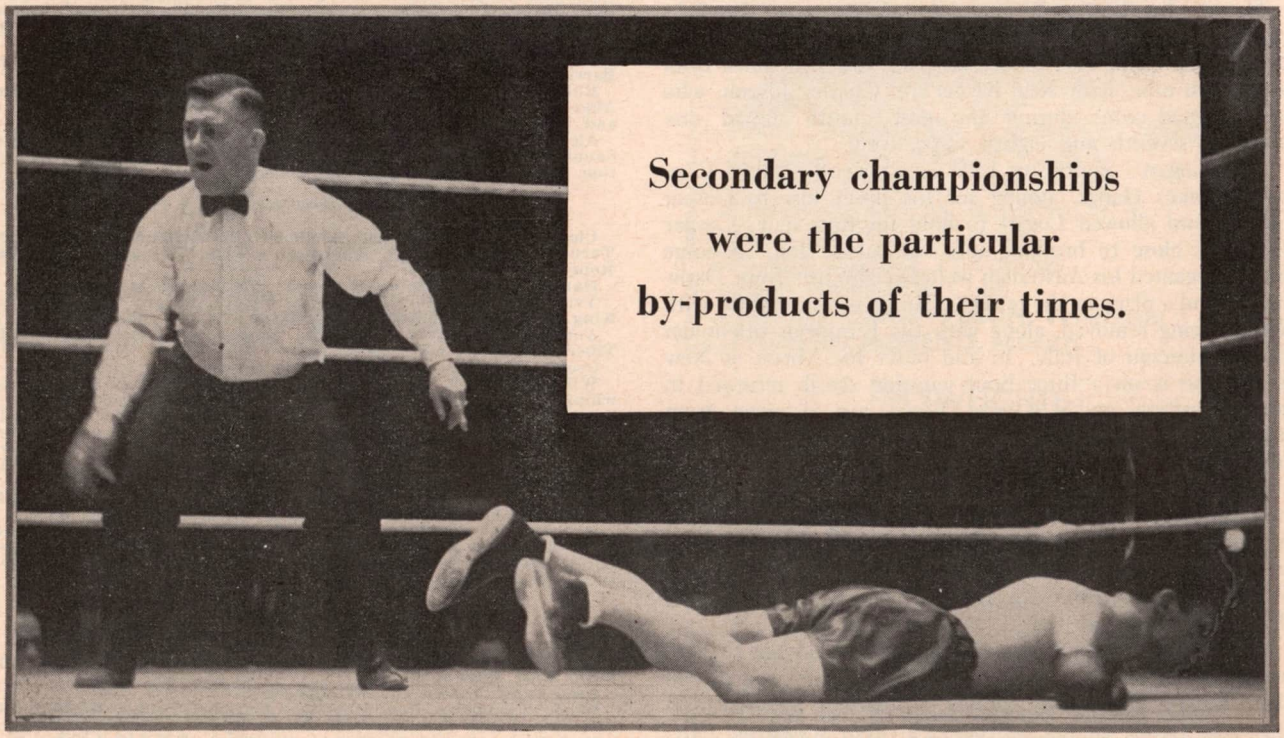
The fight wound up a draw after 20 rounds on the lone vote of Referee Charley Eyton, which meant, of course, that the champion retained the title. It would have to be presumed that the kid covered himself with glory. In those days, for a challenger in strange surroundings to get a draw was equivalent to saying that he won but didn't get it.

Dundee fought under a gross handicap, too. It had been Johnny's habit to chew gum almost continuously as an aid to making weight . . . . the desire to drink water after working out invariably lessened as his salivary glands extracted the juices of the gum . . . . and a big wad of gum in his mouth was practically his trademark.

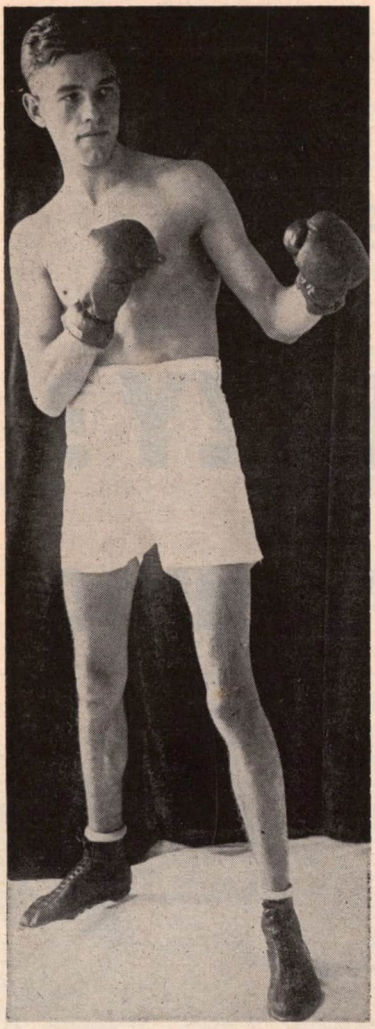
Twenty-four hours before the fight he was sauntering down the street, masticating furiously and cheerfully, when he spied a shoe shine stand. He decided that he'd get his shoes polished and climbed up into one of the chairs. The chewing was so automatic that he forgot he was doing it and, when the shine was completed, he jumped down from the chair. As he hit the pavement, he cleared his throat.

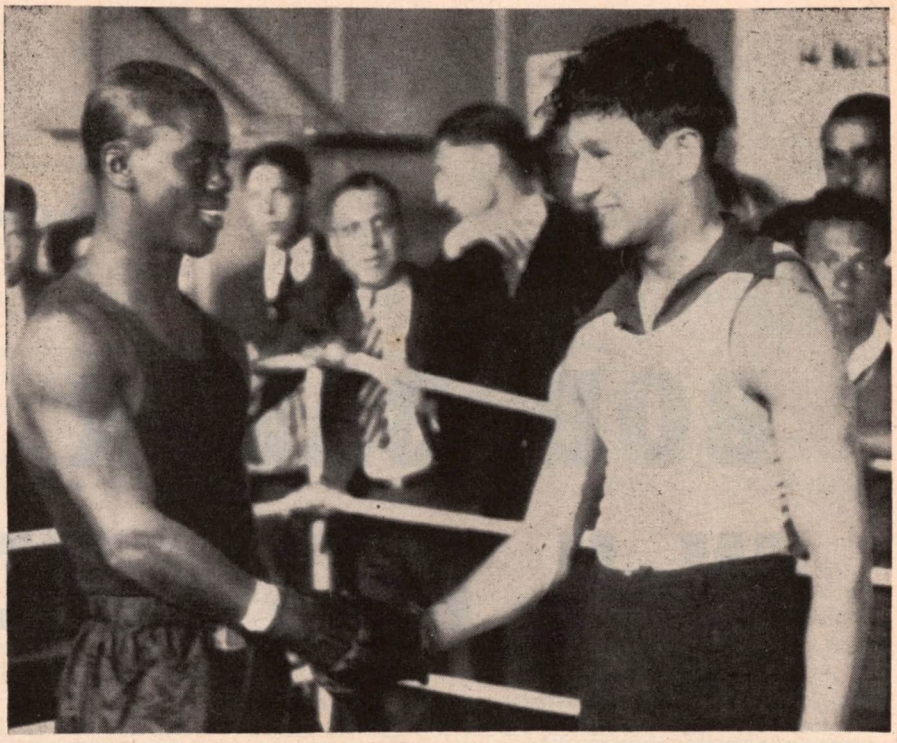
All of a sudden, he remembered . . . . the gum! It was gone. He'd swallowed it. Now, this wasn't one stick, it was five of 'em. Wow! But he experienced no pain as the gum traveled down into his system. Still, after an hour or so, he had a feeling that internally he was blocked up. He realized later in the day that he wasn't function-

Secondary championships were the particular by-products of their times.



Jackie Kid Berg won the junior welterweight championship by knocking out Mushy Callahan in 1930. A year later, on April 21, 1931 he was presented with a belt by the N. B. A. Three days later Tony Canzoneri flattened him (above) in three rounds to win the crown.





(Above) Kid Chocolate (left), junior lightweight champion, and Johnny Jadick, junior welterweight champion. Both at the time, June 1932, were in a Philadelphia gymnasium training for bouts. (Left) Pinky Mitchell, the first of the junior welterweight champions.

ing normally. Overnight, instead of drying out a pound and a half to two pounds, he lost barely a pound. It was a lucky thing he had worked himself down well below 126. In the fight he had none of his familiar bounce. It was a cruel effort to keep up his pace over the 20 rounds.

That mishap paled into insignificance as the years passed and Kilbane kept up the greater wrong—his boycott of Dundee.

In 1920 a new boxing law came into being in New York and, with an eye to the dilemma of local-boy Dundee, the legislators included a provision for the establishment of junior championship divisions.

These were: junior flyweight, 109 pounds, regular flyweight limit 112; junior bantamweight, 115, bantam limit 118; junior featherweight, 122, feather limit 126; junior lightweight, 130, lightweight 135; junior welterweight, 140, welterweight 147.

So it came to pass that Dundee became junior lightweight champion on Nov. 18, 1921, by winning over George (KO) Chaney, Baltimore southpaw slugger on a foul in five rounds in old Madison Square Garden.

Because it was Dundee's property, the title had to be taken seriously—and it was. The following Summer Johnny defended it in 15 rounds against little Jack Sharkey in New York with success. And, early in 1923, he outboxed Elino Flores, a Filipino, in 15 in New York to remain atop the class.

This was the year, however, in which his pent-up ambitions for the featherweight crown came to a head. The New York commission put the heat on Kilbane and he agreed to make a defense. He'd had the title in cold storage for two years.

Everybody expected that Kilbane would fight Dundee. Instead Promoter Tom O'Rourke, with notions of emulating Tex Rickard's profitable importation of Georges Carpentier for Jack Dempsey, cooked up a match between Kilbane and Eugene Criqui, colorful little Frenchman with a fantastic war record. His jaw had been shot away at Verdun and rebuilt by plastic surgery.

After much hesitancy, the commission approved that fight but compelled the writing-in of a clause. This guaranteed Dundee a title fight with the winner inside of 30 days.

Criqui stopped Kilbane in six rounds at the Polo Grounds and six weeks later, on July 26, 1923, Dundee battered Criqui all over the place for 15 rounds in the same park. He'd had him down twice in the early rounds and broke his jaw enroute.

For Johnny, the pardon had come too late. He was criticized severely for failing to put away the plucky Frenchman and it was obvious that making 126 pounds took something out of him. Also he was 30 years old, with quite a bit of his speed gone.

Solid observers of the time predicted that Dundee never would attempt to defend the featherweight title. And they were right. On Aug. 10, 1924, he resigned as 126-pound champion.

Meantime the pot had been boiling feverishly with the junior lightweight championship. Two months before Johnny had gone into the ring with Criqui, he'd risked the 130-pound crown against Jack Bernstein, a tough-styled, crouching campaigner from Yonkers, N. Y., in the old Garden.

Competent viewers were certain Dundee had won but the decision went to Bernstein. Late in 1923 they fought another 15 rounder and, as expected, Johnny won the title back. But Dundee's age was catching up with him. In 1924, a couple of months before he gave up the featherweight crown, he fought Steve (Kid) Sullivan of Brooklyn at Ebbets Field. This was at 130 pounds and for the junior lightweight title, despite the fact that they were boxing only 10 rounds. Dundee lost.

Johnny did not fight for the junior lightweight title again, which was just as well, because his upright reputation over a long period of years might have been tarnished. The title fell into the hands of manipulating managers.

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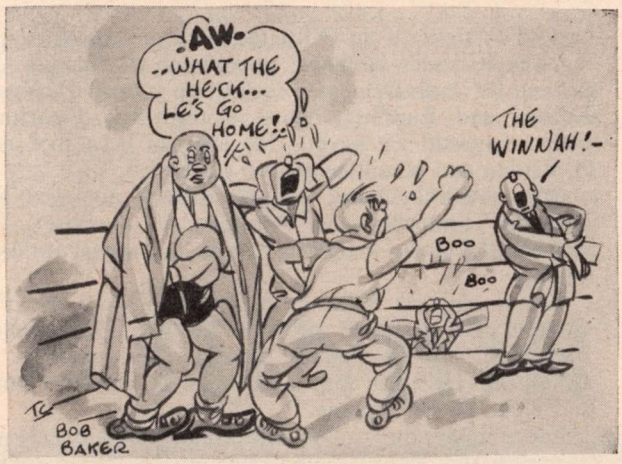
by TED CARROLL

BOB BAKER LAZY? Well, he's no Dynamo



"*GENIUS,*" says the philosopher, "*is one-tenths inspiration and nine-tenths perspiration.*" To this observation, fight managers sound off with fervent "*Amens*" as they sorrowfully recall too many boxers who "*had everything*" but ambition, and the willingness to work hard.

No one can watch Bob Baker in action without getting the urge to set a bonfire under the big fellow, as he squats complacently on his stool between rounds. He certainly gives the impression that some such drastic action should be taken to set off the spark of animation worthy of his considerable talent. The big guy never fails to leave watchers with the impression that he has all the equipment necessary to succeed Rocky Marciano, but is just too uninterested and lackadasical to do anything about it.

The pudgy Pittsburgher knows what the art of boxing is all about, delivers punches with amazing crispness for one of his blubbery profile, is game enough, and will fight anybody. But once he gets in there, all these qualities become lost in a fog of fumbling and bungling. On top of this, Bob looks like a lazy man, and this adds to the public impatience over his plodding performances.

One of the best amateur heavyweights of recent years, Baker got off to a flying start as a "*pro*", winning his first twenty-four fights, most of them by knockouts. In fact, his over-all record is extremely good. He lost a couple to Clarence Henry—one by a kayo—, and old Archie Moore halted him in nine heats early in 1954. A flash kayo by Bob Satterfield, a loss to Big Bill Gilliam and a pair of close decisions to Hurricane Jackson, round out his total number of reverses. His remaining forty-five bouts,—except one draw,—were victories.

Baker has shown an encouraging ability to bounce back after each set-back, only to lapse into his familiar indolence just when it appeared that he was at last on his way to the top.

EXPRESSED TRIBUTE TO JACKSON'S GREAT STAMINA

Bob's attitude towards the whole business can be summarized best by his remarks after the last meeting with Hurricane, a most important one for both men, and which many thought he won despite his indifference to what was going on in the ring. Gazing in wonderment at Hurricane's "*devil-dance*" in his corner, after the fight ended, Big Bob bleated, "*Look at that guy. He's ready to start the fight all over again, but I'm ready to go home.*" When the decision was announced in Jackson's favor, and Baker's

handlers began throwing conniptions over what they called a rank injustice. *"Oh, what the heck,"* was all the easy-going big man had to say.

The majority of reporters also favored Baker, and the TV viewers, whose patience is even shorter than that of the *"live"* customers, went to their beds following the fight as annoyed with Baker's lack lustre efforts as though they themselves had personal stakes in the outcome.

Those around him say the only time Big Bob ever became ruffled or excited occurred the night he struggled to a close decision over big Nino Valdes in Cleveland in 1955.

The child-like Cuban giant, screaming in Spanish that he had been jobbed, broke loose from the restraining grip of Manager Bobby Gleason, and burst into Baker's room where he made an impassioned speech in Spanish which no one present understood, than suddenly punctuated his tirade by hitting himself such a booming blow on the chest that he almost fell to the floor.

Nino's performance had everyone in the room pop-eyed with amazement, and when he climaxed it with this thunderous thump, even Big Bob snapped out of his sleepy eyed serenity as his mouth opened wide in astonishment.

A winning fighter in the record books, Baker has never seemed able to convince himself that he has the equipment to be a really outstanding heavyweight.

Among the fight managers who watch Baker with nostalgic dismay, is New York's Tex Sullivan. *"When I see that big guy in there just waiting for something to happen, instead of showing a little life and taking charge, my mind goes back to my Lee Oma,"* Tex said. *"What a guy he'd have been if he hadn't been so lazy. When I told him he was getting a $40,000 guarantee, what do you think he said? 'Whee—we've already got the dough so now I won't have to train!'"*

JACK RENAULT WAS ANOTHER LAZY FIGHTER

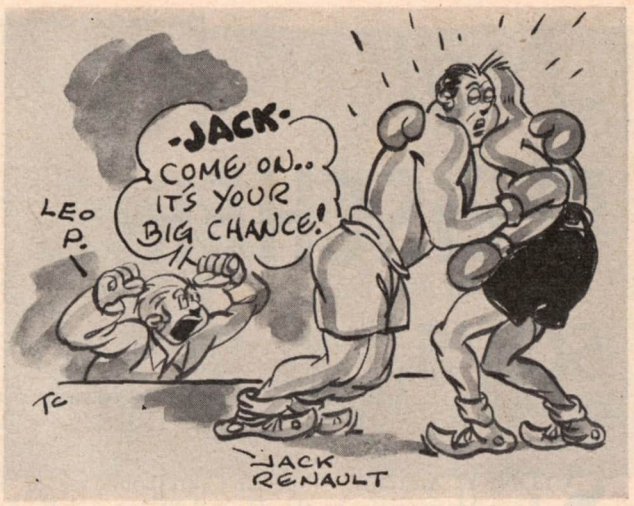
Fight people agree with Tex about the old playboy boxing master, *"It wasn't Oma's good times that hurt him. He just wouldn't train. He was so clever that if he had worked just hard enough to get in any kind of shape, nobody could have licked him,"* Sullivan concluded.

When Tex was just a kid, Leo P. Flynn was undergoing the same sort of ordeal with a gifted old time heavyweight named Jack Renault. This French Canuck had everything, he could box, he moved like a middleweight, he was rugged, well built and a sharp hitter, but big Jack didn't care too much about such things as titles. He seemed satisfied to work as sparring partner for Jack Dempsey, before several of the Manassa Mauler's big fights, rather than set sail for the big prize itself.

Good enough to stop big George Godfrey, Renault blew his golden opportunity in Philadelphia thirty-three years ago when his own lack of interest combined with the natural caution of Gene Tunney got them tossed out of the ring for *"not trying"*, in a bout the former world's champion prefers to forget.

Boxing Jack Sharkey in Boston a couple of years later, it was the same old story for Renault. Although Leo P. always insisted his man got none the best of the decision favoring Sharkey, it shouldn't have been that close, for the cagey hard-hitting Renault had everything it took to handle the then up-and-coming Bostonian. That is, everything but the will-to-win which should have had him knocking on Dempsey's door, not acting as his hired hand.

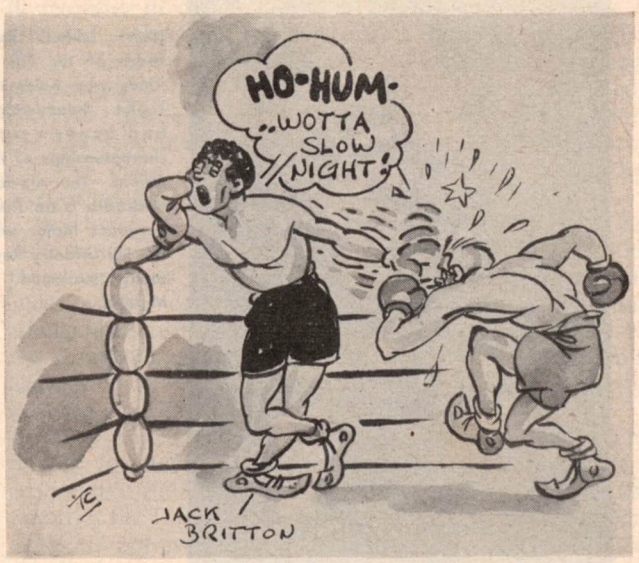
There have been a few fighters so much on the ball that not even their own inertia could keep them off a pugilistic throne. In this select category we find such old time aces as Jack Britton, Jack Delaney and Mike M'Tigue. All of these were boxing masters who got the maximum of results, with a minimum of effort.



In many of his fights old Mike was perfectly satisfied to fight a *"Don't hurt me and I won't hurt you"* contest, just as long as he wasn't required to over-exert himself. Delaney believed in letting the other fellow do all the work, while he lay back and relaxed, awaiting the first opening for his pin pointing right hand, which was lethal in effect once it landed. Aggressive, busy fighters like Paul Berlenbach and Tiger Flowers suited his energy saving style to a tee but if the other fellow used the same tactics a boring evening was the customers' fate.

BRITTON HAS CONSERVATION OF ENERGY DOWN PAT

Old Jack Britton kept in shape, but in the ring, he was the all time model for conservation of energy. He boxed, using just one hand, the left, and was such a defensive master, that he was still winning fights at the age of forty-five.



To some oldsters, Baker is remindful of big George Godfrey of a generation ago. Even bigger than Baker, Godfrey had everything Bob has, plus greater strength and a harder punch. But the old *"Shadow of Leiperville"* never seemed able to get worked up enough to cash in on his extraordinary assets.

Godfrey came along at an unhealthy time for Negro heavyweights, but even when he got his chances against Jack Sharkey and Johnny Risko, that vital spark seemed lacking in old *"Baron Jim"* Dougherty's protege.

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Nat FLEISCHER says:

Fleischer Finds Fijis Amateur Boxing Hotbed

SYDNEY, Australia;—(Special Correspondence of The Ring Magazine);—In the United States and England we appreciate the importance of the boxing division of the Olympic Games, but we hardly realize how vital are the repercussions of the world tournament, and how it serves to increase interest in boxing in out of the way corners of the Universe. What I saw in the Fiji Islands, in particular, was something more than a revelation.

In the United States we have a rather odd idea of what's going on in the Fijis. We conjure up a picture of a wild land full of wild men. But the Fijis are far from wild.

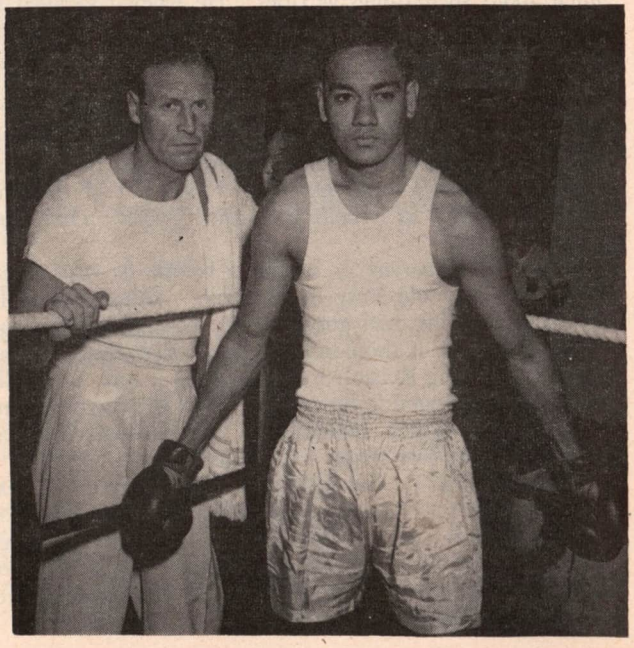
By the time this edition of "The Ring" reaches the newsstands, the public already will know the results of the Olympic boxing competition. Whether I had hit the mark or failed in my prediction of an American triumph, will no longer be news. But what will be reading interest, is the tremendous enthusiasm the Olympic competition aroused, especially in the Far East where the amateurs receive far more attention then do the professionals. What I witnessed in the Fiji Islands, for example, was a revelation.

The South Sea Islands came into public notice in recent months through the activities of Kitione Lave, the heavyweight who campaigned in England until his defeat by Jack Gardner; Tom Hini, the Tongan who holds the South Seas and Fijian heavyweight crown; Isimeli Radrodro, a six foot army sergeant major heavyweight and Joveci Bau, former heavyweight title holder whose fighting has been done mostly in New Zealand. Since home competition is scarce, the few pros in the Islands do most of their fighting in foreign lands leaving the field wide open for the simon pures. And that's where my big surprise came.

A few days before I left for the Olympic Games, I received a cable from Harry Charman, president of the All Races Amateur Boxing Club, requesting my presence at the finals of the Olympic tryouts, in which I was asked to officiate and to award the trophies. When I accepted, and decided to remain in Suva for four days before flying down to Sydney, I pictured a small organization with possibly a dozen members, but I was in for an eye opener.

Charman, well known in England, where years ago he lost a close decision to Jackie Kid Berg and during World War Two fought exhibition bouts with Billy Conn and Joe Louis, transferred his activities to the Colony. With the aid of business men, he organized the Fiji Island Amateur Boxing Association which went all out to arouse public

(Left) Isimeli Radrodro of the Fiji Islands who holds the light heavyweight and heavyweight championships of the Orient. The six-foot Radrodro is an Army Sergeant Major with the Fiji Infantry Regiment stationed in Malaya.



Harry Charman, former professional fighter, who is president of the All Races Amateur Boxing Club in the Fijis, giving some pointers to Olympic hopefui Tommy Shuster.

Tom Hini, the heavyweight champion of the Fiji Islands and the South Seas. Hini has scored fourteen straight knockouts in the last twelve months.

Harry Charman (left, standing), one time British lightweight and New Zealand Air Force physical training director, with his team of Fiji amateur champions. The sport was started there only two years ago but the Islanders have taken to the game.

sentiment on behalf of representation in the Melbourne Games.

For the first time in the history of the British Colony, the colors of the Fiji Islanders were on display in the Olympics. The Association selected two Suva lads to represent the Colony in the light heavyweight and the welterweight divisions. The ambassadors for Fiji in the great international gathering of athletes of seventy-two nations were Tommy Shuster, 19, and Hector Hatch, 20.

FIJI ISLAND AMATEURS BEAT NEW ZEALANDERS

Although Fiji amateur boxing has been in progress for only two years, the Fiji Islands today boast the best group of simon pures in the South Sea Islands. Only recently, in an effort to arouse interest among the business folk of the Colony to obtain sufficient funds to send Charman and two boys to the Olympics, seven lads were taken to New Zealand to compete in an international meet. They proved too rugged and clever for the Southlanders. Shuster and Saimino Roko, a flyweight, beat the two New Zealand National champions, Merv Williams and Garry Anderson.

It was that triumph that gave Charman the idea to launch the Olympic movement. On the occasion of my visit, the tournament staged as a final Olympic rally, brought out a banner attendance.

Wherever the flags of our country and Great Britain fly, there you'll find boxing flourishing. In some countries, the pros lead the field but in many, where members of the armed forces of either country have laid the foundation, amateur boxing has taken a firm grip.

The Olympics are responsible for the revival of interest. When the Helsinki Games were staged in 1952, we thought it would take a long time before another set would furnish more international entries. Yet in the short space of four years, the Helsinki mark was shattered by an influx of entrants from nations that hitherto had no competitors.

RING SPORT HAS SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

The sport has spread throughout the world. Investigations may temporarily halt the progress of boxing, both professional and the amateur, but so long as the fighting spirit in man exists, the sport will live. It cannot be killed.

The Olympic turnout, the keen interest displayed throughout the world in the Melbourne competition, the rise of amateur boxing in far off countries like the Fiji Islands, point to one conclusion—Boxing has become the sport of all nations.

But we must face the inevitable concerning professional boxing. More and more it is becoming a studio sport, one in which the interest has been retained but the spectator loss has burdened the promoter to the extent that he finds it necessary to curtail his promotions. In Los Angeles I attended a show promoted by Cal Eaton at the Olympic Club. Cal Working, the matchmaker arranged a good popular-priced card, but because the show was televised, the paid attendance was about 400. But at that same club the following week, with Rudy Garcia facing Billy Peacock, the two classy performers, minus TV to cut down the attendance, drew a splendid house.

In Honolulu, I found Sad Sam Ichinose bewailing his ill-fortune. "I used to stage a fight each week and did pretty well, but with television interfering with the attendance and our commission regulations preventing us from arranging more than a show every three weeks because of the stringent regulations imposed on promoters, I haven't had a show here in three months. The amateurs do pretty well but the pros are starving"

Public interest in boxing has increased considerably through the medium of television, but professional promoters cry aloud at the lack of ringside sales. Even in these far off countries the I. B. C. influence is felt. Where the televised fights are not available on the regular I. B. C. nights, they are displayed on the home screen throughout the week. Old pictures of Dempsey and Louis in their major bouts are shown in addition to current fight scenes and it is these that kill the home town attendances. Fortunately for the amateurs, they have a distinct following.

AMATEURS KEEP BOXING GOING IN MANY PLACES

The best attraction Hawaii had was Stan Harrington, but since his defeat a few months ago and his temporary retirement. Hawaiian promoters find it difficult to fill a card that will attract sufficient attendance to make it worth

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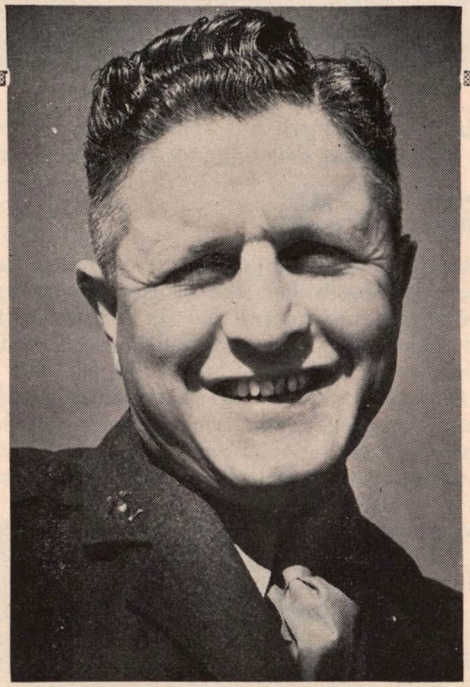
Recent 11-Round Bout in Holyoke Recalls Notable Battles Over "Compromise" Routes

Before he won welterweight title, Freddie (Red) Cochrane lost five decisions to Jersey rival, Tippy Larkin, once over "compromise" 9-round distance.



Joe Benjamin, flashy California lightweight, who was awarded 13-round decision over Johnny Harvey when scheduled 15-round bout was halted "because of Sunday."

SPLITTING the DIFFERENCE

by **JERSEY JONES**

IT was no typographical error that flashed over the news service wires recently from Holyoke, Mass. There had actually been an eleven-round bout, Barry Allison taking the decision from Sammy Walker.

The distance was a compromise. One fighter wanted the affair scheduled for twelve rounds. The other felt ten rounds were long enough. The promoter talked them into splitting the difference, and the result was eleven rounds.

Such happenings are not exactly unique in this trade. During the late '30s and early '40s, when Newark, N. J., was one of the liveliest fight centers in the nation, "compromise" distances were fairly common there. We recall at least a half-dozen of them. Perhaps the best known was the first of five meetings between those keen New Jersey rivals, Freddie (Red) Cochrane of Elizabeth and Tippy Larkin of Garfield.

Both boys, then lightweights, were popular with the Newark clientele, and it was inevitable that eventually they'd get together. When the promoters tried to match them, however, the schedule distance produced heated wrangling. Up to then, clever but frail Larkin had not boxed beyond eight rounds and his manager insisted this would have to be the route with Cochrane. Freddie and his handlers argued for ten rounds, feeling the longer distance would favor the stronger and more durable Elizabethan.

Both sides held out stubbornly and when it began to look as though the match wouldn't materialize, the promoters suggested a compromise. After considerable more hemming and hawing, the rival factions agreed to nine rounds.

As it turned out, Larkin could have whipped Cochrane over any distance. He was much too fast and shifty for the slugging sorrel-top. Not only did Tippy win that nine-rounder, but he went on to post four more victories over Cochrane in subsequent meetings, all in Newark and at routes that ranged from ten rounds to, finally, fifteen.

A 23-ROUND TITLE BOUT!

Probably the most celebrated "compromise" distance in ring history was for a world title! It was the second episode in a lively five-bout series between Abe Attell, then featherweight champion, and Owen Moran, the talented Britisher. They tangled in a title match listed for *twenty-three* rounds in San Francisco on Labor Day, September 7, 1908.

Earlier that year Attell and Moran had battled to a twenty-round draw in 'Frisco. It was a gruelling brawl, with Abe having the better of the early going and Moran finishing the stronger. Neither fighter was satisfied with the result and another match was in order but in arranging the details the matter of distance became an important item. Attell preferred the same route as in the first bout, twenty rounds. Moran felt the longer the distance the better his chances, and he argued for twenty-five rounds. The dispute

was settled by the promoter when he persuaded the rivals to split the difference and agree to twenty-three rounds.

Those three extra sessions failed to determine the issue between Attell and Moran. They were so evenly matched a few rounds more or less meant little in the final score. Once again the decision was a draw.

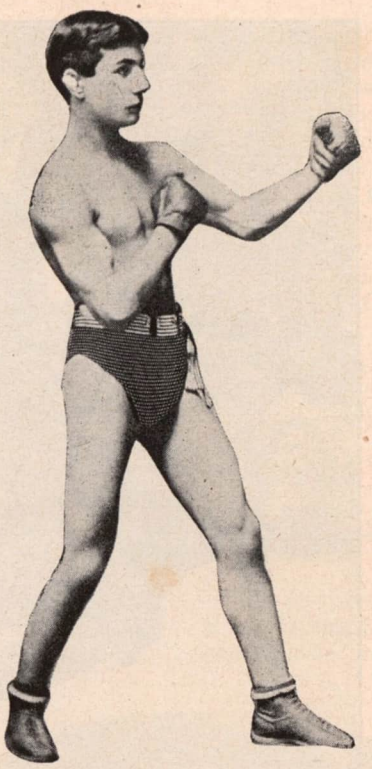
Abe and Owen never did get together for a third title meeting, but they did tangle in three no-decision affairs in 1910, first over ten rounds in New York, then for another ten in Los Angeles and, finally, for six rounds in Philadelphia. There wasn't much to choose between them at any time.

Several years before his series with Moran started, Attell figured in another fight with an odd-round ending. It wasn't a pre-arranged deal. It just "happened." The year was 1902, Abe's opponent was Benny Yanger of Chicago, and the scene was St. Louis.

The match originally was set for fifteen rounds. Yanger's manager insisted on bringing along George Siler to referee. Siler, a native New Yorker who had shifted his headquarters to Chicago, was rated one of the nation's top officials so there were no objections from the Attell camp.

Strange things had a habit of happening in those days. When Siler, at the end of fifteen rounds, was unable to decide on a winner, he ordered five rounds more.

With both boys battered and smeared with gore, the police stepped in at the close of the nineteenth round and ordered Siler to stop the bout. Because of the unusual circumstances, the logical decision would have been a draw, but Siler declared Yanger the winner!



Benny Yanger, rugged Chicago featherweight, who was given 19-round decision over Abe Attell when their "overtime" battle was stopped by police.

Side lightweight.

A match between Hommey and youthful K. O. Phil Delmont, a neighborhood rival, had become a hot attraction. When Matchmaker Charley Doesserick tried to bring the fighters together, the length of the bout became a major problem. The Delmont crowd wanted ten rounds, but Hommey and his advisers insisted on fifteen. They felt that over the longer route, Packey's experience could be a deciding factor.

Doesserick suggested a compromise on twelve rounds. Delmont was willing but the Hommey contingent held out for fifteen. Finally, the matchmaker prevailed upon both sides to settle the dispute by flipping a coin. If Delmont won the toss, the distance would be twelve rounds. If Hommey won, it would be fifteen.

The coin decided in Hommey's favor, but Packey's "victory" had an ironic ending. Had the veteran accepted the compromise and agreed to twelve rounds, he would have won the decision over Delmont. As it turned out, he was flattened by K. O. Phil in the thirteenth!

In the years immediately following World War II, when boxing was booming throughout the British Isles, and anywhere from thirty to thirty-five fight shows were staged weekly in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland, it was fairly common for a fighter to box on successive nights at different clubs. The usual route for a main event or semi-final at the smaller sluggeries was eight rounds. The authorities decided it was too strenuous for a lad to fight two eights within twenty-four hours. They decreed a "compromise" route for the second night. The distance was reduced to seven rounds!

HALTED BECAUSE OF SUNDAY

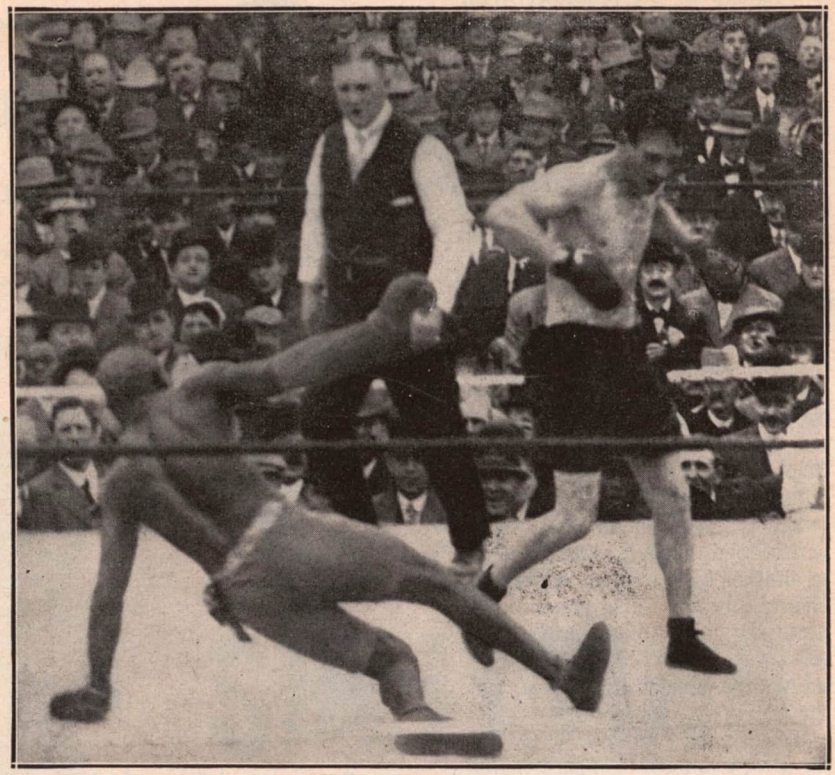
Record books of the 1920s erroneously credited Joe Benjamin with having knocked out Johnny Harvey in the thirteenth round in New York. He didn't. The flashy California lightweight was a winner in thirteen rounds, but not by a knockout. The bout was halted "on account of Sunday."

The match, billed for fifteen rounds, topped a Saturday night card at the Pioneer Club. The preliminary program used up so much time it was after 11 o'clock when the main event got under way. The thirteenth round ended about five minutes before midnight. Since Sunday boxing was illegal in New York, it was decided to halt the affair then and there. Benjamin was given the decision.

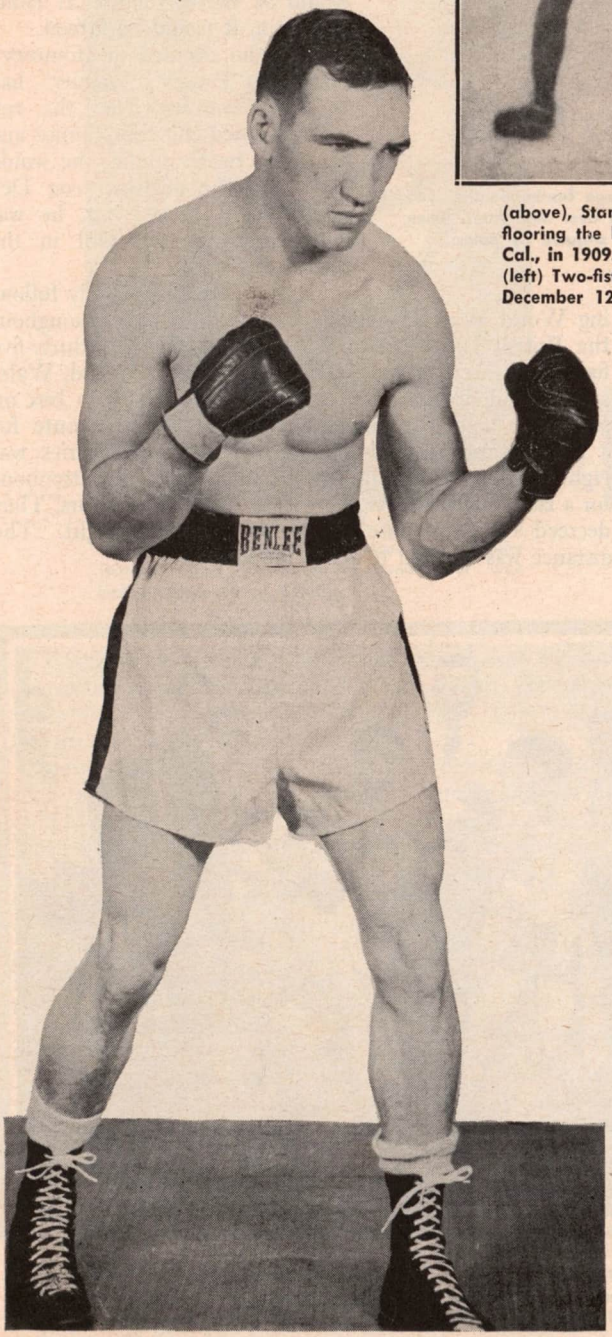
It was also at the Pioneer Club that his unwillingness to agree on a "compromise" distance proved a disastrous blunder for Packey Hommey, veteran East

Most historic "compromise" distance in boxing history was in second meeting of Owen Moran (left) and Abe Attell for world featherweight title. Attell wanted 20 rounds, Moran 25. They split the difference and fought 23 rounds to a draw.

Middles Maintain Interest



(above), Stanley Ketchel, then middleweight champ stands over Jack Johnson after flooring the heavyweight champion in the 12th round of their title fight in Colma, Cal., in 1909. Johnson came back to kayo Ketchel with his next punch.
(left) Two-fisted slugger Gene Fullmer who battles Ray Robinson for the crown on December 12th.



By LEW ESKIN

THE history of boxing has many stirring chapters, and the middleweight division has written more than its share of these. Who can forget the thrilling series between Tony Zale and Rocky Graziano? How, in their first meeting, Zale, battered and bleeding, came back to kayo Rocky with one tremendous left hook to the body and retain his title.

Then, in the second bout, when Rocky, beaten almost to a pulp, to the point when his own corner wanted to stop the fight, blasted his way to the crown and the final fight in Newark, when Zale took charge at the opening bell and regained his title by halting Rocky in three blistering heats.

Then we find Ray Robinson's two great comebacks to regain the crown against Randy Turpin and Carl (Bobo) Olson; the sensational brawl between Harry Greb and Mickey Walker; the heroic stand of Marcel Cerdan, with one arm, against Jake LaMotta; the thrill-packed series between Stanley Ketchel and Billy Papke; Al McCoy's stunning one round kayo of George Chip; LaMotta's amazing last round kayo of Laurent Dauthuille when it appeared his title was lost; the pivot punch of George LaBlanche that upended "Nonpareil" Jack Dempsey. Deeds such as these have woven middleweight history.

Through the years the 160 pounders have produced Hall of Famers, Ketchel, Greb, Walker, Nonpareil Dempsey, as well as Bob Fitzsimmons and Sam Langford, who were only middleweights in their prime although they gained renown as heavyweights.

In recent years the popularity of the middles has risen to the point where they have achieved equal footing with the heavyweights. The great crowd appeal of Zale, Graziano, LaMotta, Cerdan, Georgie Abrams, Al Hostak, and Robinson had much to do with this growth.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS GET CALL FOR TELEVISION APPEARANCES

During the past five years there have been five heavyweight contests that have drawn over $225,000.00. During that period there has been an equal number of middleweight contests that have drawn over the same amount. The only other fight to top that mark was the Joey Maxim-Robinson light heavyweight championship match and it was "Sugar Ray", a middleweight, whom the fans came to see.

Today in quantity and quality the middleweights stand out. The record shows that of the one hundred thirty six fights staged on National Television network shows, fifty six have involved middleweights. Six other 160 pounders have fought in mixed bouts, with heavier men.

St. Nick's in New York has been a mecca of middleweights, with a total of twenty-six of their forty-six bouts involving 160 pounders. The I.B.C.'s Wednesday night fights have used seventeen middleweight contests out of a total of forty-five, providing a wide margin over the heavyweights, who ranked second with ten bouts.

Friday nights, too, have been busy ones for the 160 pounders. They have been involved in eleven of the shows from Madison Square Garden and eight of the touring fights. Once again they had a wide margin over their closest competition, the lightweights, at the Garden, with six, and touring with four.

The middleweight division is evenly balanced. It's ten top men include four veterans, Robinson the champion; Charley Humez, European titleholder, Ralph (Tiger) Jones, Joey Giardello; four youngsters, Rory Calhoun, Neal Rivers, Ellsworth (Spider) Webb, Charley Joseph; and two "young veterans", Bobby Boyd and Gene Fullmer.

Bracketed below these are Joey Giambra, Charlie Cotton, Artie Towne, Gil Turner, Yama Bahama, Pat McAteer, Willie Vaughn, Tiberio Mitri, Charlie Green, Del Flanagan, Clarence Cook, Mike Holt, Al Andrews, Randy Sandy, Johnny Sullivan, Richard Kelly, Germinal Bellarin, Rocky Castellani, Holly Mims, Milo Savage, Jimmy Martinez, the busiest fighter in America, Jimmy Beecham, Willie Troy, Franz Szuzina, Wilf Greaves, and many, many more.

KELLY AND MAZZINGHI ARE STANDOUT PROSPECTS

The top rated prospect of the U.S.A. is Richard Kelly, a tall bombardier from Florence, S. C. In twenty-four bouts, he has rolled up 23 kayos and boxed one draw. He later kayoed the man who had held him even. In Europe, Italian champion Guido Mazzinghi stands out. He has scored 15 kayos in winning all of his 25 bouts. These two are on the brink of stardom.

Besides these are many other youngsters who have shown promise of a brilliant future. They are Eddie Thompson, Jos Baglio, Juan Pomare, and George Harrell, of New York; Joe Schmolze and Jimmy Hegerle, of Minnesota; Hank Casey, Gil Padilla, Joe Brewer, of California; Joe Gray, of Michigan; Abe Linner, of Chicago; Gunter Hase, of Germany; and Raymond Mocoques, of France.

Taking the long way around to prove a point, Humez lost to Jones, who lost to Fullmer, who lost to Boyd, who was kayoed by Giardello, who lost to Cotton, who drew with Szuzina, who lost to Kilgore, who lost to Andrews, who lost to Martinez, who lost to Muller, who was kayoed by Humez. The point of all this? Action, plus upsets. Two strong reasons why the fans go for middleweights.

Speaking of action, the 160 pound class has more thrill

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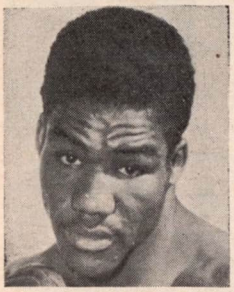
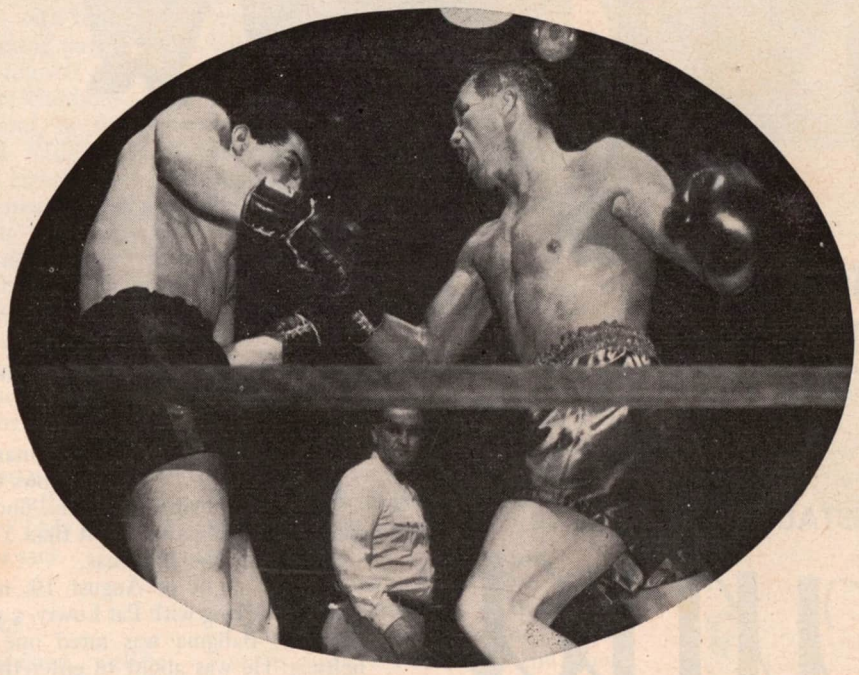
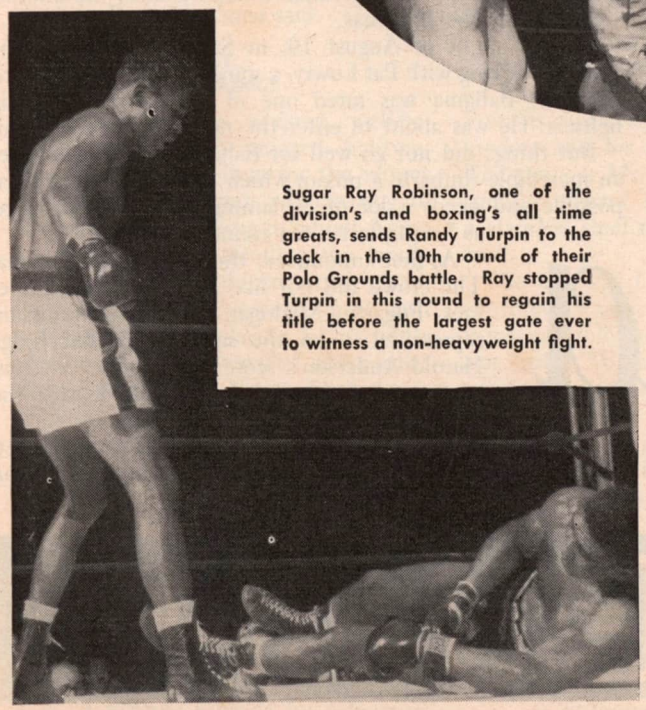


"Roarin" Rory Calhoun, thrill providing White Plains, N. Y. slugger, who has hit the spotlight this year, with wins over Willie Vaughn, Charley Cotton, Johnny Sullivan, and Randy Sandy.



Tony Zale (right) tears into Rocky Graziano in the third and final round of their third and final battle at Newark, N. J. Tony halted Rocky in this session to regain the title and end a thrill providing series.



Sugar Ray Robinson, one of the division's and boxing's all time greats, sends Randy Turpin to the deck in the 10th round of their Polo Grounds battle. Ray stopped Turpin in this round to regain his title before the largest gate ever to witness a non-heavyweight fight.

Bahama seen being escorted by friends to airport after his ninth round knockout of Jimmy Ford at Nassau. Left to right: Percy Dotton, Yama Bahama, Junior Rolle, Gemeo Brennen (welterweight boxer), Nephew Sam Brown, and Howard Sanders, Yama's personal tailor. (Note Bahama's right eye . . . quite a shiner)

By
FRED EISENSTADT

yama Bahama

FROM BIMINI

THE book says, "*There is many a slip between the cup and the lip.*" Nobody knows that better than a member of the boxing fraternity, and right now, no boxer is more poignantly aware of it than Yama Bahama, the middleweight from the Bahamas.

On the night of August 10, in Saginaw, Mich., as he entered the ring with Pat Lowry, a somewhat undistinguished operator, Bahama was rated one of the up and coming fighters. He was about to enter the ranks of the top rated.

But things did not go well for Bahama that night. After an incredible rhubarb, a mixup which should not have been possible and needs a lot of explaining, Bahama was listed as having lost a ten round decision.

As first announced, the winner was Bahama. The crowd did not like it. Half an hour later Jack Fogarty, Michigan Boxing Commission representative on the scene, said that Judge Harold Anderson's score card had revealed an error, and a correction had left Lowry the winner.

In any event, Bahama got a stunning setback, and once again it was stressed," *You never can tell about fighters.*"

But the experts didn't give up on the lad from the Biminis and their faith in him was not misplaced.

Bahama returned to the scene of his triumph over Gil Turner, Madison Square Garden to give a very convincing exhibition of his fistic powers at the expense of a highly touted Tex Gonzales who was knocked out in three rounds.

YAMA BOXED FIRST GARDEN MAIN IN JUNE

Last June, in New York's Garden, Bahama boxed his first main event in that arena and gained a clear-cut unanimous ten-round decision over Gil Turner. It was a big step for Bahama, who's been fighting successfully against run-of-the mine mittsters.

"I wasn't what you'd call worried about meeting a man who'd been in constant ring action for over six years," explains Bahama. *But I was deeply concerned. Especially when I realized he'd beaten Johnny Saxton—welterweight champion, Joe Miceli, Al Andrews, Ramon Fuentes, Italo Scortichini, Bobby Dykes, Pierre Langlois, Gene Fullmer and other top ranking fighters."*

Yama handled the fiery Turner with surprising competence. As Gil plunged in, fists flying, he was met with sharp jabs and rights to the head—which halted his furious charges. The stalwart lad from Bimini stood his ground and surprised the on-lookers with his superb boxing; countering with his right and shooting jarring hooks with his left—at the same time proving himself no easy target.

The youngest of eight children—5 brothers and 3 sisters—he was born in Bimini, in the Bahamas—on Feb. 16, 1933, and was named William H. Butler, Jr. He left grammar school in the eighth grade—his help being sorely needed to aid in the support of a large family.

Though he began to take part inBattles Royal at the age of six and performed in them for a half-dozen years. Yama says he'd never had a fight outside the ring. Battles Royal consists of six or more Negro youths fighting blindfolded, the one outlasting the others is declared the winner and is entitled to the lion's share of coins tossed in the ring.

This form of entertainment—like cock fights—has been outlawed, generally, but it still exists. *"They still have them in Bimini,"* Yama said.

BAHAMA DID MANY THINGS TO HELP FAMILY

Although he was a quiet, well-behaved lad, Bahama enjoyed fighting, more for the sport than for the money it got him. Aside from participating in Battles Royal and going to school, Yama had the chore of attending the family garden. He also made extra cash cleaning fishing boats. Evenings, more cash came in when he, playing a bass fiddle of his own make, serenaded white folks, singing with other Negro youths.

"I learned carpentry, helping my father," says the well-mannered boxer. *"I was only ten, but picked up the work fast. I could hold down a job at that trade. And oh, yes."* He smiled, displaying white even teeth.

"For about a year I took up tailoring, but I dropped it because it's a sedentary occupation, boring and uneventful. I like action. So, at sixteen—since I know the Island as well as I know my backyard—I became a guide for fishermen, keeping at it till I left for Miami to fight."

On the Island of Bimini there's a mansion owned by a fine man named George A. Lyon, who is a British Empire Commodore. This kindly gentleman and his son, George A. Lyon, Jr., have shown great generosity and sympathetic understanding toward the Butler family.

"Fact is," emphasized Bahama, *"they always were considerate of everybody on the Island. Their home on Paradise Point is a palace. I've known the Commodore and his son since I was born. The younger Mr. Lyon always has been friendly toward me. Incidentally, he's a stainless steel magnate, living in Detroit.*

"So one day I got up the courage," continues Yama, *"to ask Mr. Lyon if it was possible for him to start me on a ring career. Without hesitation he took me to Miami, and turned me over to his friend Dave Yeomans—for which I'll be eternally grateful. I was trained and taught the finer points of boxing by Dave. All this took place three years ago, when I was twenty, and a natural southpaw."*

It didn't take Bahama long, perhaps because of his years of fighting in Battles Royal, to be ready for the ring. Disdaining amateur competition, the boy from Bimini waded into the pro

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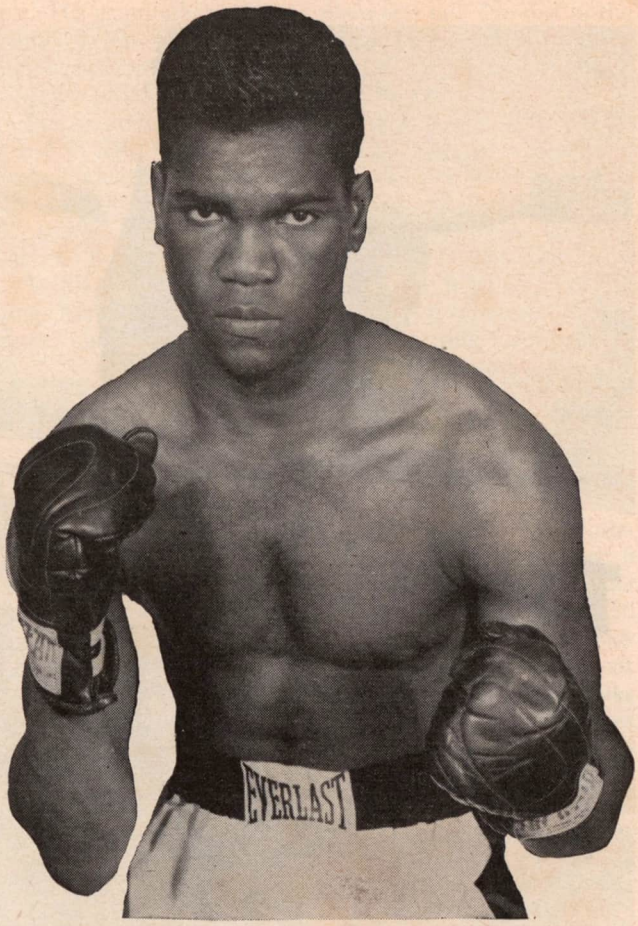
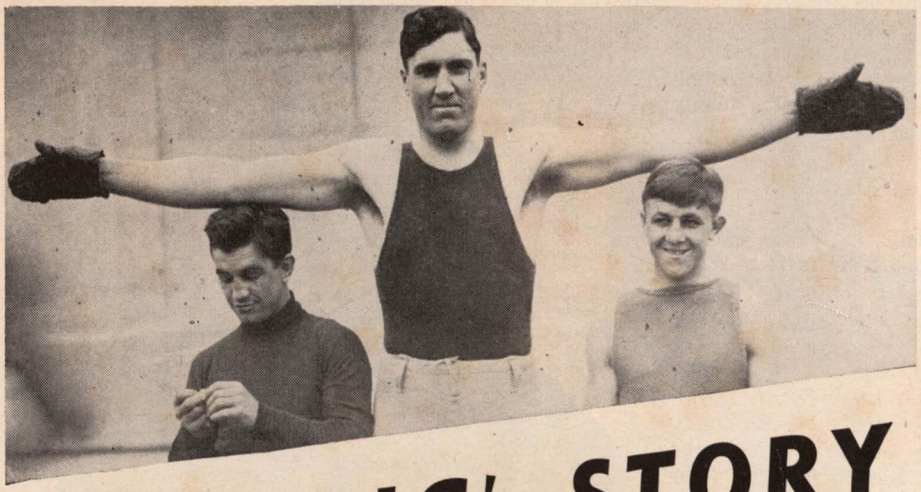


Yama Bahama, middleweight threat from the Biminis.

This was Yama at four months of age. Note his determined stare.

At fifteen Bahama had a smattering of carpentry and tailoring. A year later he was to become a guide for fishermen which he remained at until he entered pugilism.



Jess Willard, at 6 feet, 6 inches and weighing about 250, towers over Ad Wolgast (left) and Willie Hoppe, San Francisco lightweight, as he is in training for his fight with Bull Young in 1913.

THE 'BIG' STORY

By
JOHNNY SALAK

THE recent news that a portion of the Union of South Africa—namely the "province" of Ewart Potgieter—had seceded and was arriving in America recalled other tall tales of the ring. Potgieter, as you know, is a 7 foot, 2 inch, 330 pound Natal heavyweight, by and large, the biggest man ever to grace a professional ring.

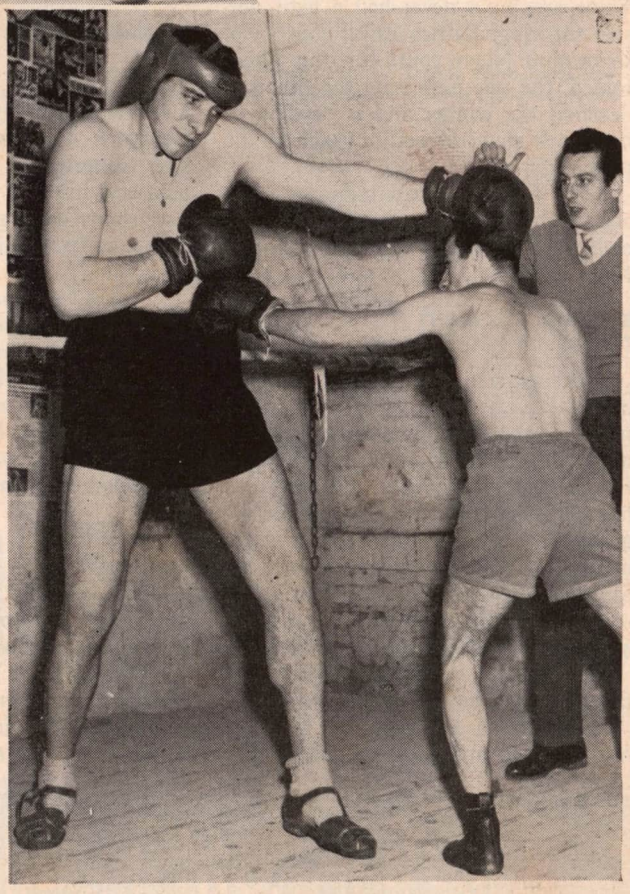
Though his experience has been limited to less than a dozen fights, news of Potgieter's feats arrived here before news of his big feet. There is the story of one of his opponent's who in the opening seconds of the bout, rushed out, swung, missed and ran in terror before what he saw confronting him.

Potgieter moved quickly to the attack, moved quickly considering the bulk he had to transport. He pinned his worried opponent up against the ropes. The frightened opponent sat on the middle strand and then almost in slow motion, slid head first backwards, feet kicking the air, over the side of the ring platform, to be counted out. Impressive? No. But the victory carried much weight nevertheless.

It is unfortunate that Potgieter's career in the United States was cut short before it ever began. Scheduled to fight Jeff Dyer on November 8, in Boston, he was denied a license by the Massachusetts State Athletic Commission. The Commission ruled, after getting medical reports from overseas, that Potgieter is suffering from an enlarged pituitary gland and is not fit to fight.

Potgieter, who grew up on a farm in Northern Natal and was normal in size until his sixteenth year, when he suddenly began to grow up, faces many problems in everyday life.

"I need a very big car," says Ewart. "Can't fit into any small ones. In the cinema I have to sit right in front or at the side. Can't get my legs in the other seats—and nobody behind can see a thing. No bath is big enough for me. I have to take showers all the time. Doorways are too low. I just keep ducking. All my clothes have to be made. Shoe-



Milo Maligoli, the new Italian Goliath, came along in 1954, weighing 270 pounds and standing seven foot tall. Here he gets his first boxing lesson from Isadro Galgani, regional bantam champ in Grosseto, Italy, as trainer Mario Landi looks on.

shop assistants gape when I ask for size 14. Buses are too small. Can't fit in the seats. Have to double up to walk along the aisle without bashing my head. I have to sleep on a specially lengthened and strengthened bed, or on two placed together T-shape. Above all I have no privacy except in my close domestic circle. I cannot hide myself away from the crowds."

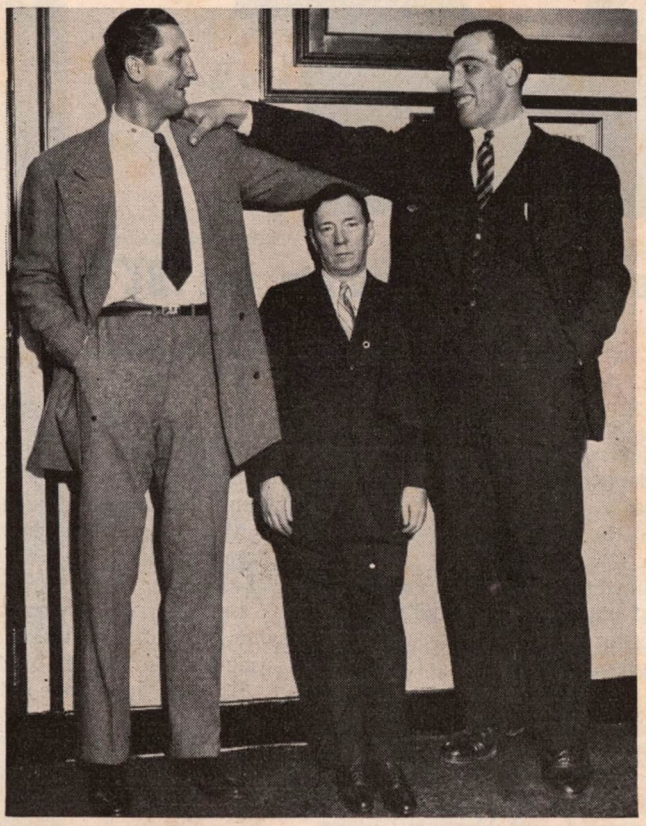
Any good points about being so tall?

"Why, yes, certainly," answered Potgieter. "I can do things that are beyond most men. I keep my shoes on top of my wardrobe. It's easier to put them there than on the floor. If a car gets stuck in the mud or in the sand I can lift it myself."

Potgieter is not a freak. Despite his size, he is a well-proportioned athlete. He comes from a family of big people. His grandfather was over seven feet tall. No one in the family is less than 6 feet, 7 or 8 inches tall. He is an intelligent, well-spoken fighter, who speaks five languages (English, Afrikaans, German, Basuto and Zulu).

For posterity—we doubt that he will be granted a license to fight again—his statistics, aged 22, are: Height, 7 feet, 2 inches. Weight, 330. Neck, 19½ inches. Chest, normal, 48 inches. Chest, expanded, 52 inches. Biceps, 17 inches. Waist, 41 inches. Thigh, 35 inches. Calf, 18 inches. Reach, 94 inches. Shoes, size 14. Hat, size 7¾.

While the efforts of the big men, the behemoths of the ring, have often been disparaged, and at times with good cause, one cannot get away from the glaring fact that two of the largest fighters in history went on to win world titles, Jess Willard and Primo Carnera, both definitely in the dreadnaught class.



(Right) Giants of the Ring. Little Jimmy Johnston, Madison Square Garden promoter in 1931, put on one of the biggest fights of all time, matching Vittorio Campolo (left) of the Argentine, at 6 feet, 6½ inches and weighing 225, and Primo Carnera, height 6 feet, 5¾ inches and weighing 245. Carnera scored a two round kayo.

(Below) Horsin' Around. Ewart Potgieter, 7 foot 2 inch South African, visits a race track and finds out what's going on down there.

Willard, the Pottawatomie Giant, was 6 feet, 6 inches tall and weighed up around 250 pounds. He kayoed Jack Johnson in twenty-six rounds in Havana, Cuba in 1915 to win the crown and four years later was demolished by a little man—187-lb. Jack Dempsey.

Carnera, the circus strong man turned fighter who was carefully guided to a world title despite a lumbering clumsiness, won the championship in 1933 with the punch that wasn't there against Jack Sharkey.

A year later, the 6 foot, 5¾ inch Carnera who scaled up around 260 pounds, was bounced all over the Long Island Bowl ring by Max Baer in a display both sad and hilarious.

Buddy Baer, towering 6 foot, 6½ inches and weighing in the hefty neighborhood of 245 pounds, had two cracks at the world title and lost both times to Joe Louis. In the first, in Washington, D.C., in 1941, young Buddy might have been crowned champion but for a mix-up which saw him disqualified in the seventh round when his manager refused to leave the ring. In the return, in 1942, Louis dismantled him in less than a round.

Another of the giants received two shots at the world title while Louis was champion. Abe Simon, at 6 feet 4 inches and weighing about 250 pounds, went thirteen rounds with Louis in 1941 and then six in 1942, before being halted on both occasions.

Lou Nova, stretching to 6 feet 3 inches and just over 200 pounds, was another tall man taken on by Jolting Joe. Nova who made Yogi famous before Berra came along, managed to last six rounds with Louis.

The 1957 Ring Record Book and Boxing Encyclopedia, which will be out in February, among many new compilations, has a list of the Big Men who were boxers. About fifty-five of them are listed, with their weights and heights. Tossing them on to a scale simultaneously would either wreck the machine or show a gross weight of about six and a half

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MARCIANO COMING BACK?

By DAN DANIEL

Rocky's looks preclude possibility, but IBC Boss, James D. Norris sticks to that notion.

AT long last, the fight between Archie Moore and Floyd Patterson has been contested, in Chicago, not before the originally planned 50,000 in Yankee Stadium, but in an indoor arena.

Now we have a successor to the retired Rocky Marciano, and now comes the question, "Who next?"

Of course, there is the inevitable and usual talk of a return fight. But it seems that the contract for the Chicago encounter made no provision for another battle.

Jim Norris, chief of the International Boxing Club, has something up his sleeve, and he hopes it isn't just another arm. He thinks he can get Rocky Marciano back into the ring, to pull a Joe Louis. He has some notion that Rocky has become restive, and that reexamination of his financial status does not encourage continued idleness.

One look at the vastly overweight, soft Marciano should be sufficient to discourage the idea of his coming back to fight some more. But, Jim insists it could happen.

Marciano says that he has absolutely no intention of coming out of retirement. He adds that he likes living the way he does, he prefers ease and lack of worry to training and swapping punches, and he likes his home life in Brockton, Mass.

It will be recollected that when Marciano announced his retirement, the reasons behind the move included a slipped disc, terrific headaches, and his family's intense opposition.

ROCKY'S CONTRACT WITH WEILL NO LONGER EXISTS

There was yet another reason, insiders insisted. They said that Marciano's antipathy toward Al Weill, his manager, had become so great that their partnership just had to be dissolved.

Weill's agreement with Marciano has run out, and now Rocky is free to return under the management of anybody whom he chooses.

Since retirement, Marciano certainly has opened up on Weill. But there is a lot of sympathy with Al. He did develop Rocky from a raw rookie into the champion of the world. He did steer Marciano into the bankroll which enabled Rocky to quit.

However, Weill set himself up as a Svengali for Rocky's Trilby. Al ran his charge with an iron hand. He acted as a buffer between the fighter and the public, and much of this Marciano liked. Most of it he resented. Now he is free, and who knows? They all inevitably have come back,—all except Gene Tunney, who quit and stayed quit.

Marciano challenging for the heavyweight title would restore the old interest in the situation, and perk up boxing all along the line.

But, to repeat, trying to conjure up a picture of the vastly out of condition Rocky as a fighter in trim and down to weight is quite a job of conjuring.

Behind Moore and Patterson, whom have we in line for a fight that would draw, that would be worthy of the title?

The No. 3 heavyweight is Tommy Hurricane Jackson, and then there are Willie Pastrano, Harold Carter, Bob Baker, and Eddie Machen.

TALKING UP ANOTHER PATTERSON-JACKSON FIGHT

The ring cognoscenti are talking up another fight between Patterson and Jackson. Their first encounter, which placed Floyd in line for the Moore fight, resulted in an interesting scrap in which Hurricane's bizarre style made a hit.

There are many students of boxing who would prefer to see Jackson quit the ring. They insist that inevitably the physical results will be sad for the Hurricane. But, despite the beatings he has to take in every fight, Jackson does not appear to be any worse for wear.

Pastrano, whom so many fans still think of as a light heavy, has yet to build up a punch.

Baker continues the dawdler. They say he is lazy, but that isn't quite it. Bob has bad hands and has to pace himself. Certainly he is no title prospect.

Carter is an up and coming fighter, and Machen has a big Coast following which says that within two years the young man from Redding, Cal. will be the champion. Out in California he is called a more formidable fighter than was Marciano at a similar stage of his development. Could be.

Looking into the ranks of the light heavies, we fail to discern a single top ranking fighter who could be expected to grow into a heavyweight contender. Incidentally, as many as eight of the top 175 pounders are from outside the United States.

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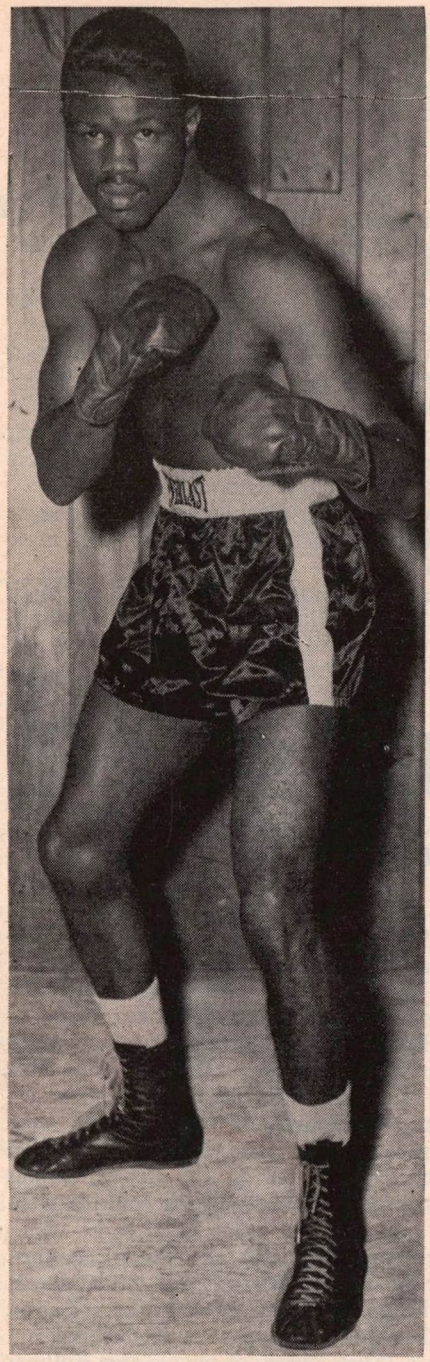
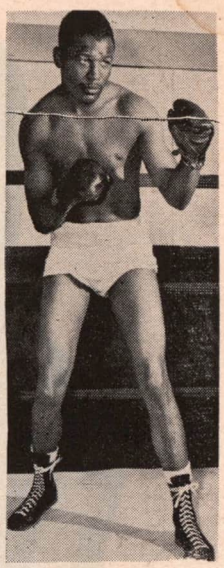
SUGAR HART
Another
SUGAR RAY?

Garnett (Sugar) Hart looks like Robinson fifteen years ago say experts



Garnett "Sugar" Hart Philadelphia welterweight.



"Sugar" Ray Robinson, middleweight champion of the world.

By MURRAY ROSE

RARELY has there been such a mass stampede of boxing experts to the end of the limb as in the case of Garnett (Sugar) Hart, Philadelphia prospect extraordinary. One fast showing, one smash hit, and unanimous predictions of a championship for the silky smooth, 21-year-old welterweight with the explosive fists rend the air.

There hasn't been anything like it since the first sugar man, dapper Ray Robinson, lit up the horizon like the flaming sun some 15 years ago. The mention of Robinson in this connection is purposeful and not coincidental.

Word about the prowess of Hart, the guy no one wanted to fight, had drifted to New York months before. But you hear many stories like that over the years and more often than not, the "tigers" and "wildcats" prove to be nothing but tame tabbies.

For months, youthful Marty Stein, a paper-box salesman and former radio script writer, had been trying to talk matchmaker-promoter Teddy Brenner of the St. Nicholas Arena into getting a match for his "tiger."

Brenner, always on the lookout for new faces, was willing to go along but he couldn't match Hart with another unknown, for boxoffice and television purposes, and none of the ranking fighters wanted any part of this heralded youngster with the sandman drops in his hands.

"I tried to get Virgil Akins," said Brenner, *"but he didn't want Hart at the time. 'What do I have to gain by fighting an unknown?' was the way he put it. Marty said he would guarantee to sell $1,000 worth of tickets no matter whom Sugar fought. So when I got Earl Dennis,* Marty said *'Okay. We'll take on anyone.' Dennis, you see, was another toughie no one wanted to fight. So we got the two together."*

HART LOST NO TIME PROVING HIS CLASS

The rest is ring history. Hart, a slender, 5-11, 146 pounder with slicked down hair, a trimmed mustache, and Elvis Presley sideburns, showed the skeptical boxing writers, the pro-Hart crowd of 1,773, and hundreds of thousands of fans along the Dumont TV beam, that he was ready to step into top company after just 18 pro fights, including the one with Dennis.

Hart displayed fast hands, a stabbing left jab that left welts, a solid left hook, a flashing uppercut, a sleep producing right and dazzling combinations that reminded one more than ever of Robinson.

Dennis was a good test. The 24-year-old New Yorker had won 20 of his most recent 23 fights, with only one defeat in a year and a half, and had a weaving style that would trouble most youngsters. But the chunky Dennis was no menace to the graceful, sharpshooting Philadelphian.

In the first round Sugar picked off his charging rival with stiff left jabs and an occasional hook to the head and body. In the second he deftly spun Dennis around when the latter pinned him in corners with his bull-like rushes, and in the final round he traded blows when Dennis, successful with a few rights, let prosperity go to his head.

A nifty left hook and a short right to the jaw dropped Earl to the floor a split second before the bell. He was glassy-eyed when manager Willie Ketchum and the seconds dragged him to the corner. Dr. Alexander Schiff ruled Earl had enough.

The three round knockout was Sugar's fifteenth in 18 pro fights over a 2½ year span and his seventeenth win against one defeat. That loss was a one round kayo by Fred Terry in Philadelphia March 22, 1955.

HART GOT CARELESS SO TERRY TAGGED HIM

Hart and Stein make no alibis for that loss. Stein, as a matter of fact, believes it may have been all for the best.

"It was the law of averages catching up, I guess," said Marty. *"Sugar had won 62 straight fights, amateur and pro. He had won all eight of his pro fights by knockouts. He got careless and was nailed by a right hand. Sugar got up and, I thought, beat the count. But the referee said ten and out, and that was it. I guess it was better that it hap-*

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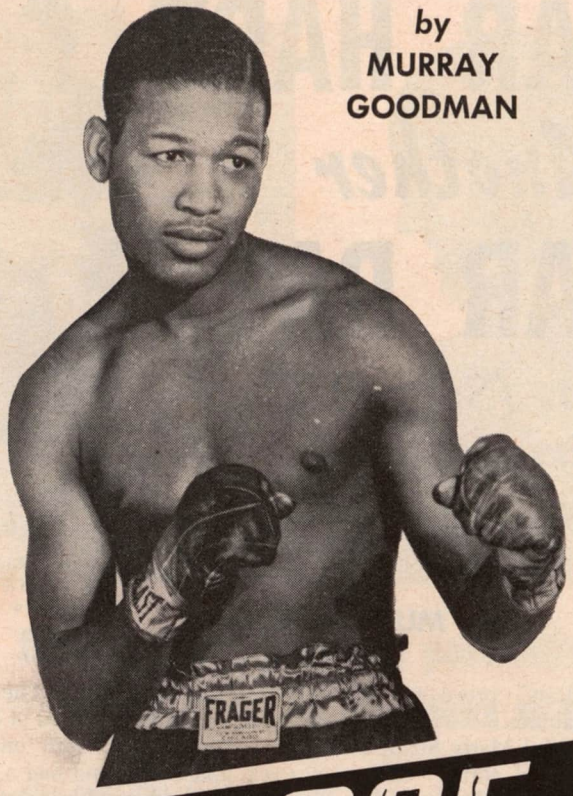
by
MURRAY GOODMAN



OLD AGE BENEFITS

ARCHIE MOORE, age 40, fought Floyd Patterson for the world heavyweight championship.

Ray Robinson, age 36, is getting set for a defense of his middleweight crown against Gene Fullmer.

Jolting Joe Brown, age 31, is recuperating from a broken hand before putting his lightweight bauble on the line.

Sal Maglie, at 39, hopes to pitch the Brooklyn Dodgers to another National League pennant.

Satchel Paige, ageless, is still pitching in the International League.

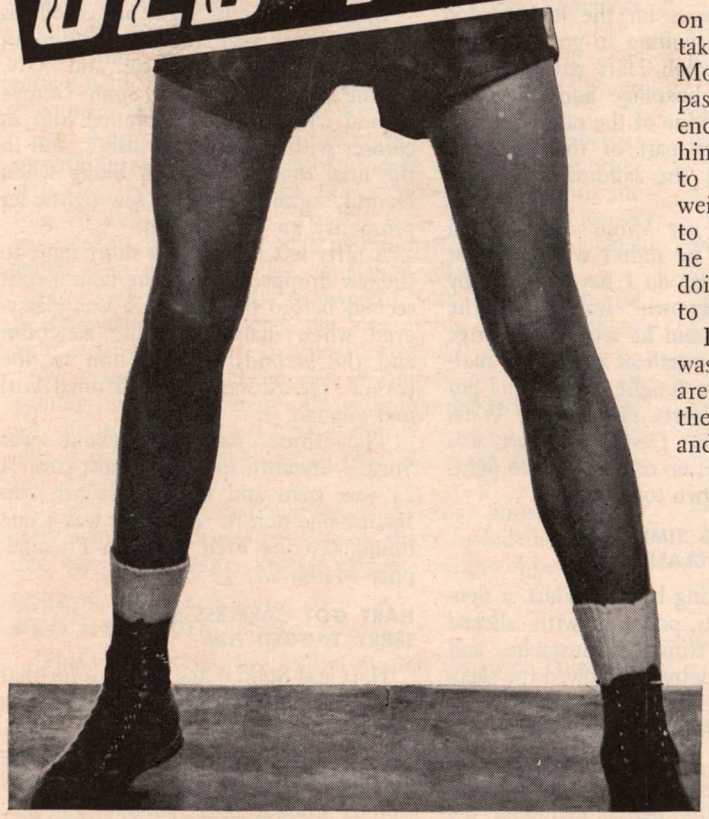
Ben Hogan, at 41, was good enough to be runner-up for the National Open Golf championship this year.

And Jersey Joe Walcott, who was the oldest fighter—at 37—to win the world heavyweight title in 1951—is threatening a comeback at 42.

It has become exceedingly obvious that this is no longer a young man's world. Youth has its merits but there seems to be no substitute for the wisdom of experience.

This is not a new argument. Youth versus Experience has always been cause of heated debate and now, more so, than ever before.

Take Ancient Archie against Patterson, in Chicago's Stadium. Archie is listed in the Ring Book as being born on December 13, 1916. His mother, who could be mistaken, claims he was brought to her three years earlier. Mother's memories sometimes get a little vague with the passing years. But whether he's 40 or 43 makes no difference with the San Diego Globe Trotter. He has proved himself quite a remarkable athlete. He has been able to reduce down to 175 pounds to defend his lightheavyweight title and then battle his next one weighing close to 200. Even against Rocky Marciano, in the fall of 1955, he had the Brockton Blockbuster on the floor and was doing a noble job until he got nailed, which could happen to anybody.



Sugar Ray Robinson at 35 was oldest fighter to ever win the middleweight title.

Robinson, in a division requiring speed and stamina, was the oldest ever to win it—at 35. He, and Moore, are throwbacks to the great fighters of the past. But at the moment, he, like Moore, stands out in his division and has quite a future. Sure, plenty of people give Fullmer a tremendous chance to win. You don't beat Robinson on paper, however, and until he's beaten in a title fight, he's the greatest middleweight in the world.

Of course, Brown, at 31, is not really old, but he was the oldest ever to win the lightweight title, proving, perhaps, that lightweights don't stay up there as long as the heavier fighters.

Bob Fitzsimmons won the lightheavyweight title at the age of 41 and did not quit fighting until he was 52 years old. Jack Johnson had his last fight at the age of 50. Jack Britton was 34 when he won the welterweight championship and did not end his career until he was 45 years old.

There are some who say, in all sports, that the modern athlete has neither the quality or stamina, or something, to stay up there a long time. Certainly, the evidence points that way. The ancients knew more about training and worked at their respective trades a little harder than do those in the present

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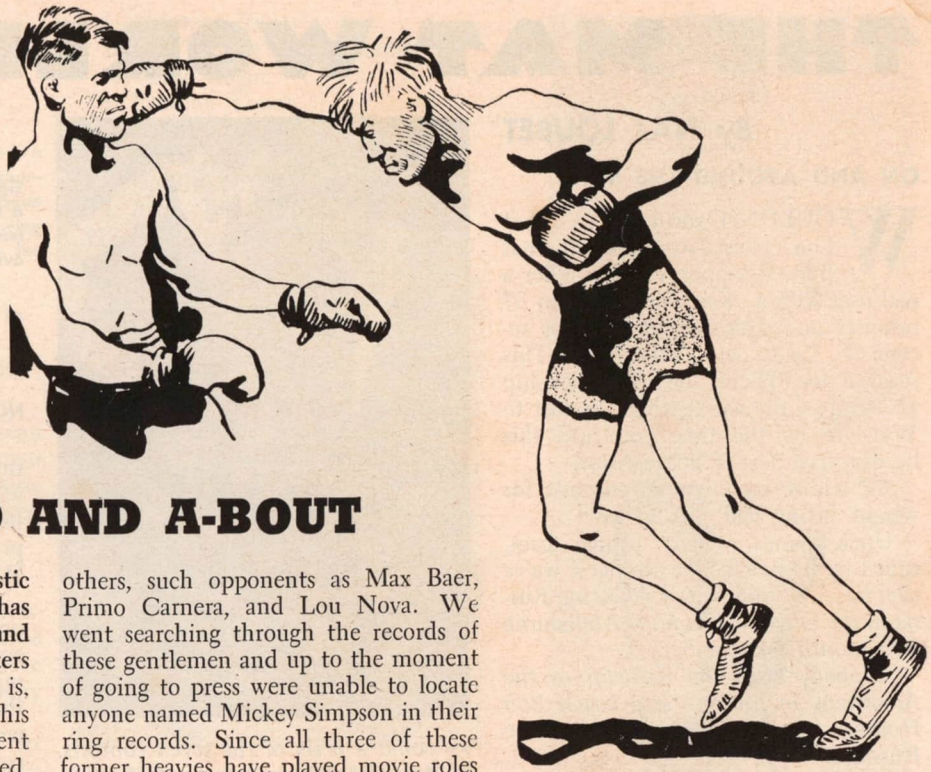
By **BOB ALLEN**



A-ROUND AND A-BOUT

THAT shrewd observer of the fistic scene, Mr. A. J. Liebling, has published an interesting and amusing book on boxing and boxers called *"The Sweet Science."* There is, of course, nothing technical in this volume which is mainly about recent bouts which Mr. Liebling has attended, and events (especially in training camps) preceding them, and also about boxing people he has met.

As interesting as we found the book, however, we cannot say that we agree with everything Mr. Liebling writes. Take his opening line, for example: *"Watching a fight on television has always seemed to me a poor substitute for being there. For one thing, you can't tell the fighters what to do."*

Why can't you, Mr. Liebling? We regard ourselves as being among the best armchair seconds in the business and we have had long experience in sitting in front of a TV set and telling fighters what to do—and with all the appropriate gestures to indicate whether our man should keep jabbing, hooking, covering up; when he should shift to a body attack, when he should throw his Sunday punch, even when he should yell *"Foul."* Why there are times when, at the end of a ten-round fight, we are completely exhausted.

Do you think for a one moment, Mr. Liebling, that this sort of advice to fighters, given from the comfort of an armchair, is any less effective than this same advice given from the fourteenth row in the balcony? Or even from the fourteenth row ringside?

But *"The Sweet Science"* is really a grand book and brilliantly written.

In the cast of characters of the motion picture *"Giant,"* currently playing major theatres, is one Mickey Simpson who tangles in a fierce brawl with the star, Rock Hudson. Interesting to us is a press notice from Hollywood to the effect that Mickey Simpson in real life is a former boxer who had 142 fights as a professional and who boxed, among others, such opponents as Max Baer, Primo Carnera, and Lou Nova. We went searching through the records of these gentlemen and up to the moment of going to press were unable to locate anyone named Mickey Simpson in their ring records. Since all three of these former heavies have played movie roles from time to time, it occurs to us that maybe it was in the Hollywood celluloids that Mickey Simpson exchanged punches with Baer, Carnera, and Nova. Such fights, of course, never quite make the record-books.

A California fight result lists Ruben Gargas as winner on points over Joe Louis 3rd. We figured naturally that since there is a Joe Louis 3rd there must have been a Joe Louis 2nd. We couldn't quite recall one but a quick look at Nat Fleischer's Ring Record Book discloses one such—a Georgia middleweight. What threw us off was the fact that Joe Louis 2nd also boxes as both Baby Joe and Young Joe Louis.

Almost all Far Eastern boxers are little fellows. Only rarely does one come along like Ceferino Garcia, Filipino who held the middleweight title some years back. Just recently, however, Japan produced a heavyweight. That's right—a heavyweight. He made his first professional start in Tokyo against a GI opponent from Chicago named Charlie Timms. We're sorry we cannot give you the Japanese heavyweight's name but he wasn't around long enough for us to find out. He was flattened in 23 seconds of the first round.

There has been much in the papers lately about retirements in boxing—of one kind or another. From Argentina came reports of the retirement of Eduardo Lausse, very capable and hard-punching middleweight who decided to nail up his gloves after being stopped by Andres Selpa in Buenos Aires. From London came the report that Ronnie Barton had retired as British light-heavyweight champion because of eye-trouble. From Chicago came the report that Jed Black, a promising young middleweight, had decided to call it quits. And from the St. Nicholas Arena in New York came the story that Joe Bygraves, English heavyweight, had also retired. Bygraves' retirement is probably not permanent. He simply decided to retire for the night after absorbing a lacing from Wayne Bethea.

Rocky Marciano has figured out that if he had one dollar for each time he has answered "No" to the question: "Are you ever going to fight again, Rocky?" he would have just twice as much in the bank as he was able to save from 49 professional contests.

The story from Phoenix, Arizona, said that Zora Folley, Arizona heavyweight, had *"outsmarted"* Nino Valdes to take a ten-round decision over the Cuban. Surely this was obvious—'tis Folley to be wise.

The New York State Athletic Commission has issued a set of new requirements for judges and referees, one of which calls for the marking of scorecards in indelible pencil or ink. This was prompted by suspicious erasures on some cards and in one instance, said Chairman Julius Helfand, *"led me to the belief it had changed the result of a fight."* You may be right, Commissioner Helfand, but did the change produce the right result?

Where would you guess that German Ohm comes from? He's a high-ranking Mexican bantamweight. Would you figure that Hogan Kid Bassey is a Nigerian? Or that Alexis Mitoff is an Argentine? Sounds like a Bulgarian.

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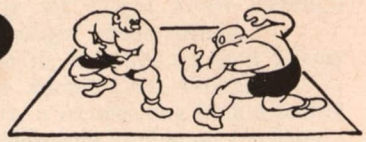
THE MAT WORLD



Eight foot two inch Paul Bunyan seen having a time of it as he goes through a seven foot ten inch doorway. Lad standing with him is over five foot nine inches tall.

By NAT LOUBET

ON AND AROUND THE MAT

WOULDN'T you know . . . that Lou Thesz would hand that Billy Whipper Watson feller a real riser with a "Kangeroo Kick" in 37 minutes and five seconds of their recent St. Louis, Mo., bout. . . . This regains for Thesz the championship (NWA) of the world which he lost to Watson. By the time you read this he may have lost it at the Astor.

AP release on Olympic entrants for weight lifting had this to say:

Uncle Sam's weight lifting team, called by its coach *"the strongest we've ever had," is confident of defeating Russia in the Olympic Games at Melbourne next month. (December)*

"Nobody beats the Russians or the Americans in lifting," said coach Bob Hoffman, "but we're going to beat the Russians."

Members of the seven-man squad backed him up: "The Russians are tough but I think we can do it," said heavyweight Paul Anderson. "We've got the best rounded team in history; no one is going to stop us," declared light heavyweight Tommy Kono.

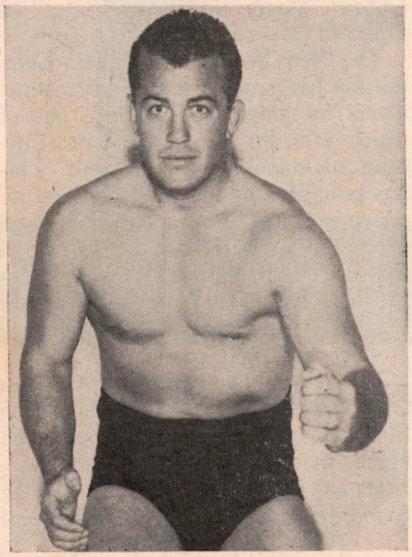
SEES 6 OF 7 TITLES WON

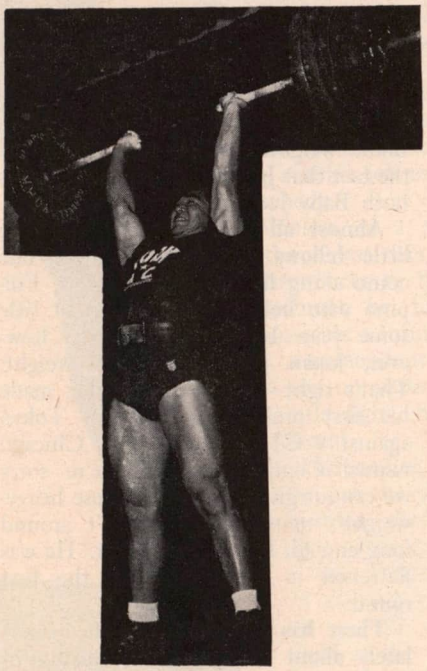
"In all but one class," Hoffman said, "the United States is equal to or better than the Russians. With a little luck, we could win six of the seven contests.

"Lifting records have improved in every class and this nation has kept pace with the improvement," Hoffman added.

Anchor man on the team is heavyweight Anderson, a 308-pound Georgia strongboy rated by Hoffman the "surest man we have to win a championship." Anderson had a three-lift total of 1,115 pounds in the trials and missed a world record in the two-hand snatch when he failed to hoist 340 pounds.

Below: Ronnie Etchison, sensational Missouri bred heavyweight challenger, is one of the most popular wrestlers to show on the West coast. Ronnie has a genuine interest in his followers and always finds time in his busy schedule to devote to his huge fan club. The ex-Pacific Coast Champion, has often been called the "Personality Kid". Etchison now resides in Santa Cruz, Calif., having moved from St. Joseph, Mo. (Photo by Mike Masura)





Tommy Kono, World and Olympic Champion (bodyweight 178½ pounds) set a new world record clean and jerk of 382 pounds in the 181 pound class at the Hawaiian Olympic tryouts on October 12, 1956. His lift exceeded the World record of 381¼ pounds held by Lomakin of Russia.

NO MORE MONOPOLY

A consent decree in which the National Wrestling Alliance agreed to end what the government called "monopolistic" practices in wrestling was approved here today by Federal Judge William F. Riley.

The decree was entered simultaneously with the filing of a government complaint which accused the NWA of monopolizing the booking of "more than 95 per cent of all professional wrestlers" in the country. NWA is incorporated in Iowa but has its headquarters in St. Louis.

Sam Muchnick of St. Louis, NWA president, issued a statement in which he denied NWA has violated any Federal antitrust laws. He said NWA since it was formed in 1948 "has been a great force for good in wrestling."

NWA agreed to the consent decree, Muchnick said, "only to avoid lengthy and extensive litigation." He said he hoped all 35 NWA members would adhere to the decree.

In Washington, U. S. Atty. Gen. Brownell released a justice department statement which said the decree puts an end to a system which—in the government's view—"prevented independent promoters from obtaining adequate bookings and denied to professional wrestlers their right freely to obtain engagements, particularly for (TV) studio exhibitions."

FAN CLUB CORNER

Ronnie Etchison, the fast moving Misouri ace, dubbed "The Missouri Fireball" by Briggs in 1950, has a fine club headed by Jimmy Prince of San Francisco. Etchison rooters can join this club by writing the secretary Mrs. Lucille Green, Route 1, Sterling, N. Y. Cole Waddell is the head of the George Becker-Jackie Witzig Fan Club and Becker-Witzig fans can obtain more information by writing Cole at 620 N. Catawba St., Lancaster, S. C. Footballer-wrestler Art Michalak has the good fortune of having an active fan club in his behalf presided over by Mrs. Mabel Stonecipher. Her address is 49 Corte Dorado, Benicia, Calif.

Tony Baillargeon Fan Club, Millio Cox, Pres., 419 South 10th St., Minneapolis 4, Minn. The Bully Two Rivers

Leon Graham is a 220 pound glamorous grappler who is a growing favorite with the fans.

and Ray Stern's Fan Club; Pres., Jean Schulte, 3726 Carlton Ave., Cincinnati 10, Ohio. The Joe Scarpello Fan Club; Pres. Erma Ratliff, 801 Farlow Street, Springfield, Ohio.

ODDS AND ENDS:

I should like to express by appreciation on behalf of The Ring Magazine and myself to the Fan Clubs who have honored us by making us honorary members . . . many thanks!

This corner wishes to express its sympathy to the Baillargeon brothers for the loss of Charles' daughter, aged four. Charles, since leaving the wrestling ring when his back was broken in an auto accident, has been managing brother Paul's Hotel in Quebec . . . and doing a superb job of it.

Marvin Mercer, after an absence of many years is once again back in the fold of active wrestlers . . . welcome back Marvin.

Stu Gibson, a converted boxer from Indiana, who has been thrilling fans with his rough and tough mat style since 1949.

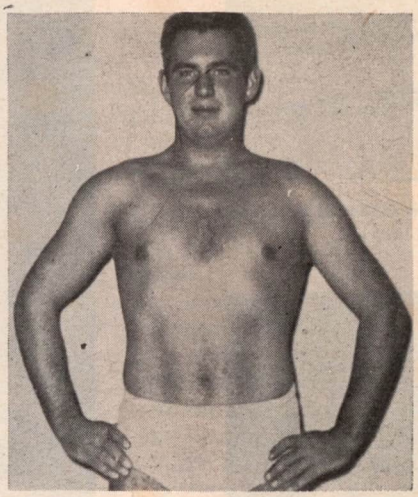
Ray Stern is participating on the West Coast . . . Don Stevens who loves weight lifting . . . loves his motorcycle more and has promoters wild over the possibility of an accident.

Note from Dr. Richard W. You, one of the physicians with the U. S. Olympic team. He says that the U. S. will not be shamed by any means and like Hoffman feels the U. S. weight lifting team will achieve new glory. He picks T. Kono as the outstanding athlete on the squad but, as he writes, "It's so hard to pick the best . . . they are all such good athletes."

AND NOW FOR OUR POPULARITY POLL:

MEN

1. Whipper Watson
2. Antonino Rocca
3. Lou Thesz (NWA Champ)
4. Verne Gagne
5. Enrique Torres
6. Buddy "Nature Boy" Rogers
7. Pat O'Connor
8. Big Bill Miller
9. Mark Tendler
10. Roy Shire



Dan Miller, brother of "Big Bill", who has been wrestling about a year. He is 223 pounds and stands 6' 1" tall. Fans have been asking him to team up with Bill.

WOMEN

1. June Byers (Champ)
2. The Fabulous Moolah (Champ)
3. Ada Ash
4. Penny Banner
5. Terry Majors
6. Carol Cook
7. Kathy Branch
8. Pat Sherry
9. Mary Jane Mull
10. Mildred Burke

SHORT ON BILL SAVAGE

Switching from boxing to wrestling was the smartest move Stu Gibson ever made say wrestling writers around the country!

Born in New Albany, Ind., on Oct. 5, 1925, the Hooiser stands 5-feet 11-inches in height and weighs a hefty 232 pounds.

Liking sports that require muscle and brawn, Gibson was named to the Indiana All-State football team in 1943. He later attended the University of Louisville where he played from 1946 until 1949. He was Kentucky's leading scorer in 1947. He graduated in 1949.

Starting out to be an amateur boxer, Stu's pugilistic fame came while serving with the United States Air Corps. He won Air Base championships at Scott Field, Ill., Chanute Field, Ill., Langley Field, Va., Traux Field, Wis., and the Mid-West Air Force belt.

He won the Kentucky Golden Gloves championship and later added the Mid-West Golden Gloves trophy to his collection.

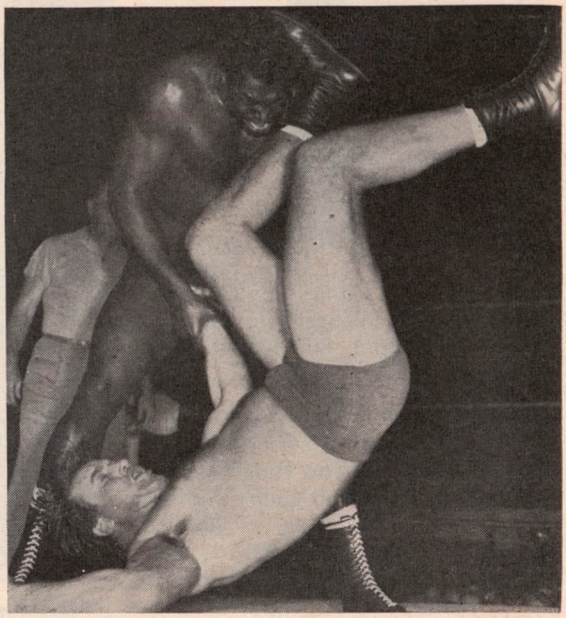
Gibson switched from boxing to

Kathy Branch hails from Syracuse, N. Y. where she was born twenty-one years ago. She stands 5'5" and weighs in at 145 pounds.

Roy McClarity who is quickly gaining a following. Fan club president is Mrs. Hazel Curiel who can be reached at Rt. 1, Box 64, Sherrill, Iowa.

Ada Ash with a leg sissors on Joan Ballard. Ash continued to punish Miss Ballard to win the match. (Photo by Bob Utter)

Below: Bobo Brazil of Detroit throws Big Ben Sharpe of Canada to the mat at San Francisco's Winterland Arena in an action filled contest.
This was part of a tag team contest in which Bobo and Ronnie Etchison held Ben and brother Mike to a draw. (Photo by Masura)



In another tag team affair referee Lou Thomas chases Stan Lisowski out of the ring as brother Reggoi works on Jack Allen. The Lisowski's won the match. (Photo by Bob Utter)

wrestling in 1949, thanks to Wild Bill Longson, former world's heavyweight mat king. It was Longson who taught Gibson the style he now exploits in the ring. Rough, tough and ready for anything.

LEON GRAHAM

Big Leon Graham, a handsome 27 year old veteran of three years in professional wrestling, is a lackadaisical type fellow who is destined for great things in wrestling.

Weighing 225 pounds and standing an even six foot in height, Leon has already faced the likes of Buddy Rogers, Billy Varga, Martino Angelo and Young Bull Montana. He has won 95% of his scraps to date.

During World War II Graham wrestled while in service and managed to win the All-Pacific amateur heavyweight crown. This was in 1948. He was actually started in wrestling by the then Major Patton.

"Someday I would like to win the heavyweight championship," smiles the good natured youngster. *"But beating a man like Lou Thesz requires more brains and ring savvy than now I possess. In fact, I would like to wrestle him for the experience."*

Born in Columbus, Ohio, Leon is married and has two children, Jennifer Jean, 4, and Diana Lou, 18 months.

His hobbies are hunting and fishing and his favorite foods are steaks and salads. Graham is also a weight-lifter but only for condition. At the present time he is working out of Toledo, Ohio. He is a big favorite throughout the Midwest.

SHORT ON KATHY BRANCH

A curvaceous lass who has gained considerable prestige since her start in pro-wrestling some 18 months ago is Kathy Branch a little fire-ball ringster, destined for big things.

Kathy was born in Ohio, twenty-two years ago. She stands 5-feet 5-inches in her nylons and weighs a powerful 145-pounds.

The Buckeye beauty graduated from high school at the age of seventeen. While in high school she took the commercial course and graduated with the highest grades of anyone in her class. Upon graduating, Kathy took a job with the Ohio National Bank of Columbus.

Since the bank where she was employed is located only two blocks from Billy Wolfe's gymnasium, Kathy found that here was the best place to spend her lunch hour and often dropped in after work to watch such stars as June Byers, Nell Stewart and Millie Stafford go through their daily workouts.

One afternoon Wolfe asked Miss Branch if she would like to try her hand at the cauliflower sport. This proved to be the turning point in the life of a bank employee. Kathy and wrestling seemed to go together like bacon and eggs.

The good looking, very attractive Buckeye beauty predicts that she will hit the top of the mat heap before 1956 has passed. She trains hard, copies her style after Elvira Snodgrass, and has the grace and poise of a champion.

Her No. 1 hobby outside of wrestling is swimming and during the summer months she spends considerable time on the golf course. Her favorite food is shrimp with a vegetable on the side.

SHORT ON BILL SAVAGE
. . . By Bob Utter

Formerly a top notch amateur wrestler who is now making the pro headlines, Bill Savage is on his way up in heavyweight division.

Savage, a 230-pounder standing 11-inches over the 5-foot mark, was born in Joliet, Ill., where he now makes his home.

The 26-year-old blonde has a perfect amateur record. For two years he won the state high school championship and later captured the state YMCA and the Central AAU belt. He won the Junior National crown and was undefeated as captain of the Navy team at San Diego, Calif.

His bouts with Thesz, Leone and Haggerty were masterpieces. Bill believes Thesz to be the best of all and Little Frenchy Roy one of the smartest in the business.

Stanley Pinto, the west coast referee, started Savage in the cauliflower game.

Swimming and surfboard riding are his favorite sports and steaks his choice food.

Bill is married and has but one ambition . . . to win the heavyweight championship. He likes to wrestle on the clean side but can get rough should he have to.

INDIANAPOLIS GROANING . . . By Bob Utter

Giant Paul Bunyan made his first appearance in Indianapolis last month by downing Duke DeMetri in the semi-windup match of an all-star card presented at the Armory by Promoter Dick Patton. The show was televised over WTTV in Bloomington and sponsored by Champagne Velvet beer.

Bunyan, the 8-feet 2-inch 410 pound wrestler from Seattle, Wash., won over the Duke by using a body press. DeMetri, at 5-feet 10-inches and 220 pounds, was unable to get the big man off his feet in 15 minutes of groaning.

The feature bout between Wilbur Snyder, 235, Santa Monica, Calif., and handsome Bill Melby, 230, Salt Lake City, Utah, saw Snyder win after 16:45 of good clean wrestling. The Californian used a series of dropkicks and a body press to defeat his opponent.

Carl Engstrom, 220, Chicago, Ill., won over ruffian Bozo Brown, Los Angeles, Calif., in the opening bout of the night. Lou Thomas, who appeared in the motion picture Johnny Holliday was the referee.

THE STORY OF DAN MILLER BY VIOLA G. MAY

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Another Miller has entered the pro ranks. He is Dan, brother of Dr. Big Bill.

Because he is agile, fast, rough and ready, the combination spells real success.

Born on a Fremont, Ohio farm, twenty-two years ago, Dan has wrestled professionally for about a year. At present he doesn't consider himself a specialist but he knows all the holds and can put them to proper use. His 223 pounds are solidly set on a 6 ft. 1 inch frame.

To Dan's earlier life: He was reared on a farm with four brothers and two sisters. At the age of 16 he finished high school—entered Ohio State College the same year. Wrestling and football are responsible for five college letters plus two in track. In 1951 he held the freshman heavyweight championship and wrestled in the A.A.U.

Dan served two years in the service, with the 3rd Army Headquarters at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Of German and Scotch ancestry, he speaks Spanish in addition to German. He has teamed successfully with Nelson Royal throughout the New England States.

Dan enjoys traveling and does some sales work while on the road. Foods not cooked in a home like manner, do not appeal to Dan. He patronizes restaurants as little as possible.

One of his hobbies and interests, like former Pres. Truman, is playing the piano. He derives pleasure from movies and good plays. Excels in all sports, plays a good game of golf. His love of music varies from Classical to Rock and Roll and he is an enthusiastic dancer.

Showmanship is expected to be a major factor added to wrestling. Dan would like to be the great showman that Elvis Presley has turned out to be, and upset or attract a wrestling crowd like Presley has done among the teenagers.

As a wrestler Dan prefers the role of villian. He reaps a harvest of boos, hisses and cat calls, never-the-less outside the ring he is the hero.

Al Haft, promoter in Columbus, Ohio, gave Dan his break. Bill had persuaded Dan to go into pro wrestling at the time the latter was driving an oil truck. Bill's teachings have done a lot and it is hoped the two will eventually form a brother team.

It has been the opinion of some promoters that Dan should be a "bleached villain." At this writing he has brown hair with a crew cut, blue eyes, fair skin and he blushes easily.

Dogs and horses are his favorites in the animal kingdom with the exception of girls—of course. He plans to show his White Whippet puppy as soon as it has matured sufficiently.

Fond of children but says marriage is out of the picture for several years—at least.

Dan has had rough matches with some of the meanest and if he doesn't win—he says *"I always come in second."*

With a pleasant manner and simple unpretentious tastes, Dan is at ease wearing a pull-over sweater, old blue jeans and a pair of comfortable shoes.

He has a very fine fan club with Buddy Qualls and Gene McCormick as co-presidents. The club's address is at Gene's—1812 4th St., Dayton 3, Ohio.

Dan would like to be a friend of all that desire to be one and as the saying goes, *"To have friends, you have to be one."*

THE WRESTLING WORLD BY ED BRIGGS

Mike and Ben Sharpe, the powerful Canadian brother team captured the World Tag Team wrestling trophy in San Francisco's Winterland Arena. The rough Hamilton, Ontario heavyweights mopped up the ring demolishing "Big Bill" and Eddie Miller who had nabbed the coveted title in the same city several months ago. . . . Johnny (Keoni) Brown of Honolulu is the newest face to star to shine on the Joe Malcewicz west coast circuit. Flashy and speedy, Keoni looks like a real comer and should be watched closely by the powers that be in the wrestling world. . . . Thanks to the many fan club presidents for making this writer a honorary member in their respective clubs.

. . . Roughhouse starts Pat Fraley and Juan Humberto are kept busy on the west coast. . . . Mark and Donn Lewin are aiming at the NWA Tag Team crown held by the Sharpe brothers. The Lewin boys are two of the fastest roughousers in the business. . . . Leo Garibaldi, famed son of veteran star Gino Garibaldi has been doing his campaigning in Texas.

PACIFIC COAST HEAVYWEIGHT RATINGS

Champion: Enrique Torres, Sonora, Mexico

1. Ronnie Etchison, Santa Cruz, Calif.
2. Sandor Kovacs, New Haven, Conn.
3. Bill Miller, Mansfield, Ohio
4. Bobo Brazil, Detroit, Mich.
5. Mark Lewin, Buffalo, N. Y.
6. Adrian Baillergeon, Canada
7. Roy Shire, Ohio
8. Ben Sharpe, Hamilton, Canada
9. Rito Romero, Guadaljara, Mexico
10. Pat Fraley, California, and Lord Blears, England (TIE)

Pacific Coast heavyweight champion Enrique Torres still remains the top heavyweight on the west coast. Since our last ratings, Torres has met and defeated Bill Miller, Bud Curtis, Pat Fraley, both of the mighty Sharpe brothers, Mike and Ben, Johnny Swenski and Pedro Godoy plus a draw with Billy Watson.

Leading challenger Ronnie Etchison has been clipping the winning streaks of many "would be" challengers, thereby keeping his top position in the RING coast ratings. Etchison has stopped Ed Francis, Juan Humberto, Big Bill Miller, Adrian Baillergeon, plus a 60 minute draw with Lou Thesz and Mark Lewin. Etchison held the coast crown in 1951. Sandor Kovacs has been upped to second place contender from his position in ninth place last month.

He has won all of his matches in southern California. New faces on the listing this month are Bobo Brazil, Mark (Elvis) Lewin and Big Ben Sharpe. Brazil is currently traveling up and down the coast alternating between the Joe Malcewicz San Francisco territory and Los Angeles rings. Mark Lewin is a genuine "belligerent" type wrestler who believes in demolishing anyone who faces him in the ring, and has teamed very successfully with his brother Donn on the coast. Sharpe is no stranger to Pacific coast arenas, having shown the major part of the past seven years for Joe Malcewicz.

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TV & Boxing

By JOHNNY SALAK

FOR the first time in three and a half years, the home television audience saw a world heavyweight championship match, on November 30 at Chicago Stadium.

The five previous heavyweight title bouts, dating back to 1953, were all viewed exclusively on theatre TV.

While the fight just concluded was for the championship neither fighter involved held the title, a condition which no doubt aided in luring the fight away from the theatres and into the homes.

The sponsor of this Friday night fight (NBC-TV), the Gillette Safety Razor Co., shelled out a reported $200,000 for the privilege, with Chicago, Milwaukee and South Bend, Ind., blacked out.

Television was perhaps the main reason the title bout was driven out of New York. Had the Friday night bout been held in the Big City the sponsor refused to black out this area, a necessity for a fight of this kind and one which, if not met, would have hurt the gate considerably.

The Wednesday Night sponsors of fights have no such qualms about the New York area and would have been willing to freeze out the area if the promotion so demanded. This they did with the Ray Robinson-Gene Fullmer fight for the middleweight title at Madison Square Garden December 12, with New York and Philadelphia both drawing a blank. Naturally, they paid proportionately less for video rights with this restriction on, but insured the promoter a sell-out "live" gate.

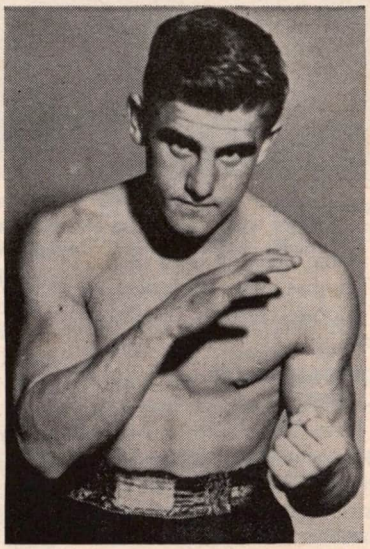
The last world heavyweight championship fight to be seen on home TV was between Rocky Marciano and Jersey Joe Walcott on May 15, 1953, at Chicago, their return match, which lasted less than a round.

The first Marciano-Walcott fight, in which Marciano won the title, on September 23, 1952, and his last five defenses were all exclusively on theatre TV. These fights included his eleven round knockout of Roland LaStarza, September 24, 1953; his fifteen rounds decision over Ezzard Charles, June 17, 1954; his eight round kayo of Charles, September 17, 1954; his nine round demolition job on Don Cockell on May 16, 1955; and his nine round kayo over Archie Moore on September 21, 1955.

The first Walcott fight was held in Philadelphia with the others, with the exception of the Cockell affair, being staged in New York. The defense against the Britisher took place in San Francisco.

RECRUITING INTEREST IN BOXING

One of the largest private radio networks in Canada's Atlantic provinces carried a blow by blow description of the fifteen round British Empire lightweight championship fight which took place on November 10, some 8,000 miles away in Rand Stadium, Johannesburg, South Africa.



Richie Howard, Canadian lightweight champion, whose fight with Willie Toweel for the British Empire title was broadcast from Johannesburg, South Africa to the Canadian maritime provinces.

Don Goodwin, sports director for CJCH, Halifax, Nova Scotia, flew to the South African city on November 3rd, to describe the fight between Richie Howard of Halifax, the Canadian champion, and Willie Toweel of Johannesburg, the Empire titleholder.

The broadcast was sponsored on the entire network by the RCAF Recruiting Units in the maritimes, one of the most enterprising sports coverage ventures undertaken by one of Canada's armed services. The fifteen-station network covered Canada's Atlantic provinces from the east coast of New Brunswick to the southern tip of Nova Scotia, from Prince Edward Island to Fredericton.

The broadcast was unique in that the activity to be described was so far from the area to be covered by the broadcast, probably the farthest ever traveled for the origination of a live broadcast by a Canadian station.

Incidentally, Station CJCH, with Don Goodwin at the mike, is the only station in the maritimes that consistently presents blow by blow broadcasts not only of local fights, but of major fistic performances throughout Canada's Atlantic provinces.

In addition to describing the fight, Goodwin also interviewed a number of outstanding European and South African sports figures.

Because of the time difference between Halifax and Johannesburg, the broadcast of the championship fight was heard on Saturday afternoon, November 10th, at about 4 P.M.

The fight went the full fifteen rounds with Toweel retaining his British Empire title.

OFFICIALS SCALE NEW HEIGHTS

The New York State Athletic Commission, taking into account the fact that receipts at fights had dropped in the television era, has put through a new pay scale for judges and referees which will see them getting a percentage of both the gate and TV money, since the tax is collected on both.

The new pay scale will lift officials' pay at televised bouts about 25 per cent. Previously, officials got paid according to the amount of gate receipts. Now television and radio receipts also will be included in the total on which officials get paid.

The International Boxing Club protested the new ruling, figuring that the hike in pay to the judges and referees will cost the club about $450 a Friday night.

NOTHING BREWING AT PABST

Discussing reports that the Pabst Brewing Company, sponsors of the Wednesday Night Fights on a national TV hook-up (ABC-TV) were anxious to pull out, the president of the company, Marshall Lachner, said such sponsorship will continue "contrary to all rumors."

Mr. Lachner said the company already has approved televising of several proposed matches and branded false the reports that his company would drop telecasting of fights at the end of the year.

CHANNEL HOPPING . . . Lew Tendler, the old Philadelphia lightweight, who came close to winning the title, is the referee on the weekly Saturday afternoon series of P. A. L. bouts over one of the local stations.

Windsor, Ontario, setting up a TV fight series which will also be videoed into cities throughout Michigan and Ohio.

Tough Tony DeMarco got a special dispensation from the I. B. C., who upped his TV take from $4,000 to $6,000 for the bout with Gaspar Ortega at Madison Square Garden, November 23.

The Cleveland Xmas show on December 14 will see Yama Bahama and Jimmy Martinez televised while you will have to pay to see the best fight of the night—perhaps the year—Rory Calhoun trading with Joey Giardello.

Lew Tendler, former Philadelphia lightweight, who came close to winning the world crown, will be the referee of P. A. L. bouts to be seen on television.

WEEKLY TV BOXING SCHEDULE

CLUB	CITY	STATION	ANNOUNCER
MONDAY			
ST. NICHOLAS ARENA	NEW YORK	DUMONT TV NETWORK	CHRIS SCHENKEL
WEDNESDAY			
*WEDNESDAY NIGHT FIGHTS	(EMANATING FROM VARIOUS CITIES)	ABC-TV NETWORK	JACK DREES
COLISEO	MEXICO CITY	XH-TV	JULIO SOTELO
THURSDAY			
OLYMPIC AUDITORIUM	LOS ANGELES	KTLA-TV	GARRY GOODWIN
CAMBRIA A. C.	PHILADELPHIA	WPFH-TV	DEL PARKS
FRIDAY			
‡CAVALCADE OF SPORTS	NEW YORK and OTHER CITIES	NBC-TV NETWORK	JIMMY POWERS
SATURDAY			
LEGION STADIUM	HOLLYWOOD	KHJ-TV	BOB KELLEY and JIM HEALEY
COLISEO	MEXICO CITY	XEW-TV	PACO MALGESTO and ANTONIO ANDERE

‡ Also heard over the ABC Radio Network, Don Dunphy and Win Elliot, announcers.
* Also heard over the ABC Radio Network, Steve Ellis, announcer.

WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

By "G.I." JOE SMITH

Whoa, Back Up!! Dick Lee (right), USAREUR, has his forward progress stopped temporarily by a stiff jab to the face thrown by Herrmon Carroll, 4th Army.

THE Armed Forces came up with a "Sunday punch" in the Olympic boxing trials at the Cow Palace as six servicemen landed berths on the 10-man U. S. squad which will compete in the 1956 Games at Melbourne, Australia.

Collegiate fighters won two titles and regional and Golden Gloves champions one each in the three-day fistic tryouts. More than 100 of the nation's top non-professionals—62 of them servicemen—slugged it out for the coveted trip "down under."

Servicemen on the Olympic team are: A/2c Harry Smith, Bolling AFB, Washington, D. C., featherweight; Pvt. Luis Molina, San Diego MCRD, Calif., lightweight; 1st Lt. Pearce Lane, Ft. Polk, La., welterweight; Pfc. Jose Torres, Ft. Meade, Md., light-middleweight; SP3 Jim Boyd, light-heavyweight, and 1st Lt. Tom (Pete) Rademacher, heavyweight; both from Ft. Benning, Ga.

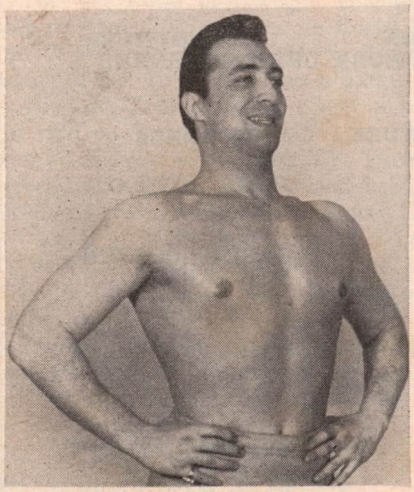
One of the big upsets in the trials came in the semi-final light-middleweight contest when SP2 Edward Crook Jr., 6th Inf. Regt., USAREUR, kayoed Wisconsin's Vince Ferguson in the second round, putting an end to the NCAA champ's 52-bout win streak.

Crook, defeated by Torres in the finals, was later selected as an alternate. Alternates will not make the Melbourne trip, unless a member of the team is unable to go.

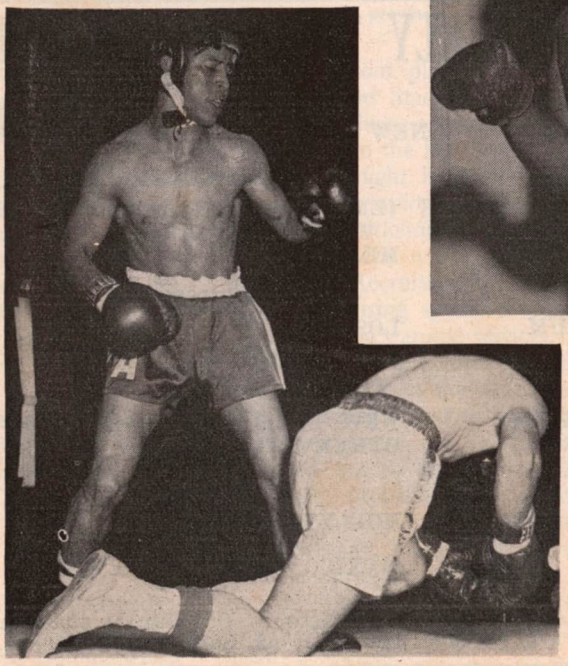
Other service alternates are: Pfc. Richard Lee, 503rd Abn. Inf. Regt., USAREUR, middleweight; SP3 Francis Okuda, USARPAC, flyweight; and A/2c William Cherry, Bolling AFB, lightweight.

Major F. Don Miller, Fourth Army Special Service officer from Ft. Sam Houston, Texas and former Wisconsin boxing coach, has been named manager-coach of the U. S. Olympic boxing squad.

Another Air Force man from Maguire AFB, Jackson Brown, is still making out good. This year he has won the National AAU title in the welterweight class.



"Prince Charming" **is what the professional wrestling world called him before the Army beckoned. Now he is known as Specialist 3/c Mark W. Tendler.**



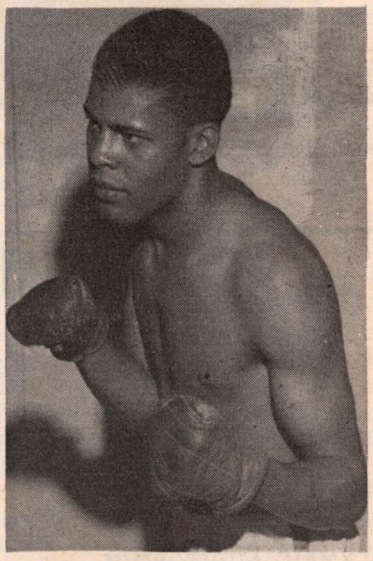
Lionel Rivera, USARPAC, follows through on his short left hook which flattened Jerry Armstrong (3rd Army) in 2:59 of the 2d round.

KEEPING UP WITH JONES

Douglas Jones who has been boxing only seven months is one of the most promising amateurs to put the gloves on in a long time.

He is 19 years old and lives in New York City. His first amateur bout was as a novice in the Lowell Sun Golden Gloves, Lowell, Mass. He won the light heavyweight title although only training for one month. He then boxed in several amateur bouts in New England until the Air Force held their Northeast tournament at Lorring AFB, Limestone, Maine.

After winning seventeen consecutive



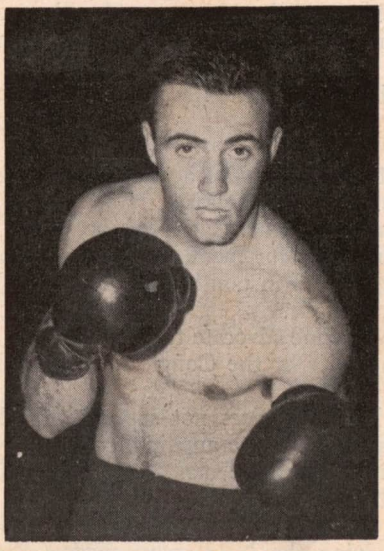
amateur bouts he lost in the finals to John Horne, the 1955 National AAU light heavyweight champion. Then returning to Hanscom AFB, where he was stationed at the time, he kept in trim and then entered the New England AAU's as a 165-pounder. At this time he was boxing only three months and he was a favorite over the 1954 Pan-American champion (who also held the 1955 AAU, All-Air Force and All-Service titles), Paul Wright. In losing to Wright, he lost to the outstanding boxer in the national tournament.

Jackson Brown has been boxing three years and this year won the National AAU title in the welterweight class. Jackson looks bad in gym workouts but he produces in the ring. In the Nationals he won over the 1954 National AAU welterweight champion, Joe Bethea.

In the finals he fought Dave Boyer, of the West Coast. He didn't do much in the first round but fought hard in the second and third to take the decision and the crown.

Jackson is six feet one and can take an unusually good punch for a tall man. He can box when he chooses but at times he wants to slug it out.

Other titles that Jackson has won are the New England tournament of champions, Lowell Golden Gloves Open Class, Greater Lower Golden Gloves, Diamond Belt Tournament of champions of Massachusetts and lost on a split decision to the 1956 All-Navy champion, Bob Berdahl in a middleweight bout.



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By winning the air force title, he received numerous gifts from his squaddon and base athletic section for the outstanding achievement. He is a popular fighter who has now grown into a featherweight.

Jimmy is a good looking fighter with a pair of fast hands. He has an outstanding record as an amateur, winning twenty-two of twenty-four, with fourteen of the victories being knockouts.

Sgt. Rollie Hackmer, who relayed this information to us, is the boxing coach at Maguire AFB, Trenton, N. J., and a 1952 U. S. finalist. He is stationed at the base as an airman. He was a former physical training instructor in the training command and reassigned from Sampson, N. Y.

"PRINCE CHARMING"

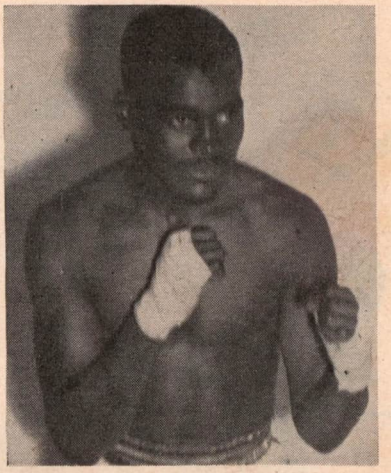
"Prince Charming" is what the professional wrestling world called him before he joined the Army last August to become a soldier.

Specialist 3/c Mark W. Tendler, 23, of the Bronx, N. Y., is ranked ninth in the world by popularity poll conducted by the Ring Magazine. The hefty 6 foot, three, 215-pound soldier, who is also an ex-Golden Gloves champion, drew large crowds when he appeared as a contestant recently at the annual Philadelphia Public Health Fair's physical fitness contest. Most of the crowds who watched Tendler's muscular performance were unaware that the young man's pro-wrestling career is the tintype of an Horatio Alger success story.

Nine years ago, the slender Tendler, then a 14-year-old lad suffering from nervous hypertension, had been excused from high school gym classes on the advice of his doctors. Two years and countless barbell exercises later, Tendler emerged from his shallow physical physical condition with 45 pounds' worth of added muscle and the desire to become a first rate boxer.

Max Baer of boxing immortality gave the "new" Tendler his incentive to embark on a pro-boxing career. He told Tendler that *"you remind me of myself (Baer) as a youngster and you should go into boxing."* By the time he got the wrestling 'bug' at 19, Tendler had 15 professional fights to his credit with a record of 13 wins, including the Florida Golden Gloves championship in 1951.

In 1953, while a junior at New York University, Tendler broke into the wrestling field via a new-found friend, George Tregas, former amateur middleweight wrestling champ. From there on, the Bronx boy, with the engaging smile and mass of hair which earned



Douglas Jones, who has been boxing only seven months, is one of the most promising amateurs to put the gloves on in a long time. (USAF)

him his "Prince Charming" soubriquet, rose fast in the mat world. He defeated Fritz Von Wallach, the German crown prince of wrestling, and Ivan Kirolenko, Russian mat czar.

Although his grappling engagements have been somewhat limited since he joined the Army, Mark Tendler still pursues his special talent, keeps in tip-top shape through rigorous daily Infantry training. Tendler is an acting platoon sergeant in a basic training company at Fort Dix.

With an eye towards his future career, Tendler recently remarked, "Although a few of the lads may not agree, I think that Army calisthenics are just what the doctor ordered. They really build you up, and for guys like myself with a sports career ahead, they're invaluable."

Recently, Tendler returned from Fort Devens (Mass.), where he was handler and trainer for the Fort Dix entry in the First Army Boxing Tournament, which Fort Dix handily won.

It's no idle pipe dream. Obviously, the "Prince" has a charming career ahead of him.

SERVICE FIGHTERS

Attention all Public Information Personnel and Servicemen. The writer would like to hear from you regarding service fighters and wrestlers on your base.

The information is desired so that we can determine the outstanding boxers and wrestlers in and around your area, aboard ships and stationed at airfields and bases outside the United States.

Send in their names, service fighting record, amateur championships they might have won and, if possible, a photo to **Joe Smith, c/o The Ring Magazine, 307 West 49th Street, New York, 19, N. Y.**

WHAT IS THE NBA?

By NAT LOUBET

FROM time to time readers of The Ring Magazine send in queries concerning the National Boxing Association. Quite obviously, these people are puzzled. They want to know what functions the NBA performs, why it is in existence, what it has achieved, how its membership is made up.

The Ring Magazine has answered these questions as best it could. Lately the queries have become more numerous, and it was decided to collect them for handling in a story. So, here goes:

Q–Does the NBA have any right to regulate boxing in the United States?

A–The NBA has no right to regulate or govern boxing in the USA or anywhere else. It has no administrative powers, it has no right to punish for infractions. Its influence is chiefly conversational.

Q–The NBA sends out occasional ratings of boxers. Does it have a vast filing system of its own, who gets up these ratings, and how much weight do they carry?

A–The Ring Magazine has no way of telling how extensive the NBA files are. In fact, it has no way of telling if the NBA maintains any filing system whatsoever on the boxers of the world. The Ring Magazine does know that if the NBA does maintain a file, it must have extensive offices and at least one secretary whose duty it is to keep the file up to date.

Q–Does the Ring Magazine furnish information to the NBA on which the NBA ratings are based?

A–The Ring Magazine has no conscious arrangement with the NBA to provide ratings and information on which to base them. However, the boxing public somehow has got the idea that some such arrangement exists between the NBA and the Ring Magazine, with its comprehensive and complete filing system on the professional boxers of the United States and foreign countries.

Q–Who belongs to the NBA?

A–Many boxing commissions of states and cities in the United States and Canada, as well as the British Board of Boxing Control, the Italian Federation, the French Boxing Commission, et al.

Q—Are all the member commissions *"alive"*? Do they represent states and cities in which fights are held regularly?

A–It is to be deplored that most of the member commissions do not represent states and locales in which there now is regular professional boxing competition.

Q–Who is the president of the NBA?

A–At the annual meeting in Havana in August, the association elected Floyd Stevens, a member of the Michigan Commission, who is in close touch with boxing. The NBA also has a national commissioner, Abe Greene, of Paterson, N. J., who also is competent.

Q–Do the mandates of the NBA force a member commission to obey them?

A–No. There seems to be no solidarity in the NBA along those lines. The ukases of the NBA are respected or ignored, as they please or displease the membership.

Q–Does the New York Commission belong to the NBA?

A–No. The New York state boxing law forbids its commission to join any association as a member. However, there is a very slight relationship between the New York body and the NBA, not enough to bother the New York Commission.

Q–Why was the NBA organized?

A–Many well meaning people figured that boxing needed a national organization. Conceivably they believed that this body, in time, could develop jurisdiction instead of a purely conversational role.

Q–What has the NBA actually accomplished?

A–There is no doubt that it has done considerable good, even with its influence limited to ukases that carry no sanctions.

Q–Would boxing be injured seriously if the NBA went out of existence?

A–No.

Q–There are reports that the NBA gets itself hopelessly involved in internal, and external politics?

A–That does appear to be true. This may be traced to the fact that, unfortunately, many members of commissions are political appointees, versed in politics and familiar with the mazes of political intrigue.

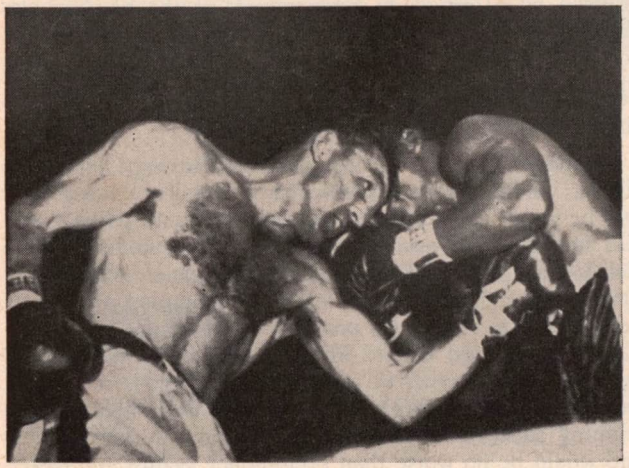
Q–Does the Ring Magazine advocate the appointment of a National Boxing Authority by the Congress, and dissolution of the NBA?

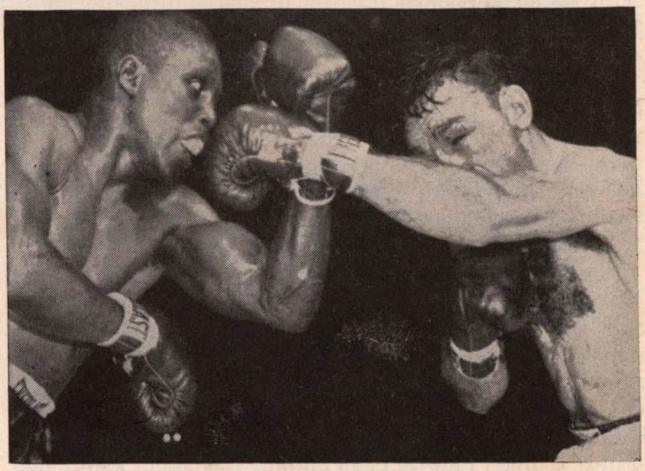
A–No. The Ring Magazine does not support the idea that boxing would benefit from the appointment of a National Boxing Authority. There are many more important things for Federal attention. We must not lose sight of the fact that boxing is entertainment and not a heavy industry. As for dissolving the NBA, why suggest that? Just so long as men want to get together for annual conventions, do a lot of talking and have some fun, why not let them?

Q–Would it help if the NBA could become an administrative body with a punch?

A–Yes, it would help. But no commission would yield its right to govern in its own locale to the NBA. It would not yield because the law setting up that commission would not permit it.

SPOT the BONER





By BEN OLAN

CARMEN BASILIO, one of boxing's most popular performers, recaptured the welterweight crown from Johnny Saxton last Sept. 12.

How well do you remember this bristling encounter? See how many mistakes you can spot in this phantom broadcast. There are eight intentional errors in all. A score of from 6 to 8 makes you an expert—4 to 5 indicates you're on the way up. Less than 4 means you have a little brushing up to do.

"We're speaking to you from War Memorial Auditorium in Syracuse, N. Y., where welterweight champion Johnny Saxton of Philadelphia is about to take on former titleholder Carmen Basilio, of Canastota, N. Y.

"The odds-makers have made Carmen the 8-5 favorite although Saxton won a split 15-round decision over Basilio in their only previous meeting. That one was a largely disputed verdict in which Saxton won the crown in Chicago last March.

"We're coming up for round number 10. Basilio has held the upper hand most of the way. Saxton tried to punch with Carmen in the early rounds but couldn't match the consistent attack of his aggressive opponent.

"There's the bell. Saxton flicks two lefts into Basilio's face and moves back. Carmen lands two lefts to the body as they go into the center of the ring. A long right to jaw staggers Saxton and he almost goes down. He grabs the ropes.

"Now Basilio slams Saxton into a neutral corner with a hurricane of blows. Saxton moves back and is dropped by a right to the jaw. He's up at the count of four. But it's all over—Referee Harry Kessler stops the fight. The time is 1:31 of the tenth round.

"So, Basilio regains the 147-pound championship. He had won it originally by beating Kid Gavilan and then lost it to Saxton. Carmen really had it this time and gave Johnny a thorough licking. He was way ahead on the scorecards of the three officials with the fight scored on the point system."

ANSWERS TO SPOT THE BONER

1. *Saxton is from New York (not Philadelphia).*
2. *Saxton was a slight favorite (not Basilio at 8-5).*
3. *Saxton won the crown from Basilio on an unanimous decision (not split).*
4. *The bout ended in the ninth round (not the 10th).*
5. *Saxton was not knocked down during the fight.*
6. *The referee was Al Berl (not Harry Kessler).*
7. *Basilio originally won the title by beating Tony DeMarco (not Gavilan).*
8. *The bout was scored on the rounds (not points) system.*

Seen and Heard in new york

By JERSEY JONES

LIKE many another capable ring mechanic in that busy era, Eddie (Kid) Wagner never scaled the championship heights, but he was good enough to hold his own with any of the ruling title-holders he met, and had it not been for an unpopular decision in the lightweight elimination series in 1925, it is possible that Eddie would have gone on to become champion.

Wagner, who died recently in a Brooklyn hospital at the age of 55, was an active campaigner for a dozen years, and as featherweight, junior lightweight and lightweight he didn't miss many of the headliners in the divisions in which he competed. Quite a few champions—past, present and future—were included in the long list of Eddie's opponents. Several of them he met not once but often.

A native of Philadelphia, and managed by the flamboyant Maxie (Boo Boo) Hoff, Wagner began fighting about 1919 and kept going until 1930. He packed in about 150 professional bouts, his activities covering the entire United States. Among the good 'uns he met were Johnny Dundee, Louis (Kid) Kaplan, Babe Herman, Jack Bernstein, Sammy Mandell, Pal Moran, Pete Hartley, Tommy O'Brien, Sid Terris, Danny Kramer, Phil McGraw, Jimmy Goodrich, Pete Latzo, Billy Petrolle and Al Singer.

As we recall, Wagner was the first fighter to take a decision from Louis (Kid) Kaplan, the Connecticut buzzsaw who went on to become world featherweight champion. Eddie outpointed Kaplan in a 12-rounder in 1922, and right in Louie the Kid's backyard, Meriden!

Probably the most important—certainly the most spectacular—achievement of Wagner's career was the stunning six-round knockout Eddie tossed into Sid Terris, then New York's reigning sensation, in Madison Square Garden in 1924.

ELIMINATED BY POOR DECISION.

When Benny Leonard announced his retirement as lightweight champion late in 1924, Wagner was one of the starters in the elimination tournament sponsored by the New York State Athletic Commission to determine Benny's successor.

The series got under way in February, 1925, and Wagner drew Jimmy Goodrich as his opponent. After twelve keenly-fought rounds, Goodrich was declared winner, but the decision was hotly disputed. Most of the sports writers and spectators thought Wagner deserved the verdict, and there was talk of the Commission's permitting Eddie to remain in the tourney. After discussing the matter, however, the fistic fathers decided it would be establishing a dangerous precedent if they publicly disagreed with their own officials. The decision was allowed to stand, Wagner was dropped out of the eliminations—and it was Goodrich who went on to become the eventual winner and new champion.

The wear and tear of his industrious career gradually caught up to Wagner. In 1926 he suffered his first knockout defeat when Billy Petrolle stopped him in the final session of a ten-rounder in Fargo, N. D. For the next couple of years Eddie continued to be a strong factor in lightweight activities but mainly in the role of "trial horse" for up-and-coming youngsters. By 1929 he was losing as often as he was winning, and when he was manhandled and stopped by Al Singer in three rounds at the St. Nicholas Arena here in New York in 1930, Eddie had sense enough to realize he'd reached the end of the long trail. He hung up the gloves and drifted away from the boxing scene.

HAMIA-BERRIOS WINNER VS. SADDLER?

If present plans of the International Boxing Club materialize, Cherif Hamia, spectacular young French-Algerian, will be imported shortly for a return date with Miguel Berrios in Madison Square Garden, and the winner will be ticketed for a world featherweight title match with Sandy Saddler—if and when that reluctant champion eventually gets around to risking his precious laurels again.

Hamia whipped Berrios in a real thriller in the Garden last June, but whether or not he could repeat is something that remains to be seen. The Puerto Rican, fighting and winning steadily since then, is an improved ringster now and would be no worse than even-money against the flashy, sharpshooting Algerian.

Unquestionably, the winner of a Hamia-Berrios brawl would be deserving of a crack at Saddler's laurels, but getting Sandy to risk his championship is never a simple matter. Since he ended his four-bout series with Willie Pep in September, 1951, Sandy has been the most non-title-defending champion the ring has known in this generation. Making due allowances for the two years he spent in the Army, that doesn't excuse Sandy for not staking his laurels more than twice in three years since his return to civilian circulation. He outpointed Teddy (Red Top) Davis in fifteen rounds in the Garden in February, 1955, and rough-housed his way to an unpopular 13-round technical knockout over Flash Elorde in San Francisco in January, 1956.

Sandy's current reason for inactivity is that he still is "recovering" from injuries received last July when a taxi in which he was riding was involved in an accident. The general impression around town is that Saddler's complete "recovery" and return to the ring depends on how and when his suit for damage is settled. By that time, Sandy probably will plead that, after his long layoff, he'll need a half-dozen or more tune-up bouts before he's ready for a title defense.

THESE AND THOSE.

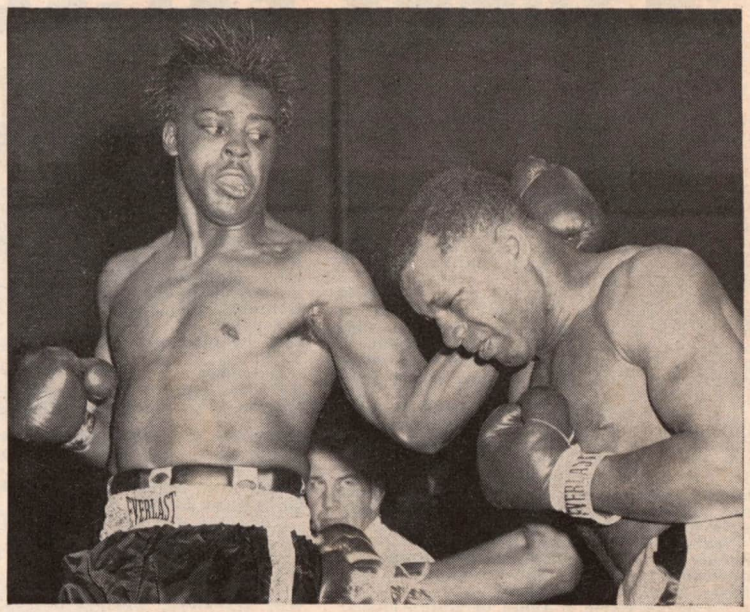
Another obituary item of recent weeks reported the passing of "Judge" Isaac Flato, 76, the Brooklyn lawyer who built the New Ridgewood Grove in 1925 and operated it successfully for a quarter-century until, like so many other once-popular fight clubs, it became a victim of television. Two years ago, when he finally became convinced that boxing was a thing of memory at the Grove, Flato turned the building into a super food market.

One of the most popular British boxers to appear in this country in quite a spell, Johnny Sullivan has ended his long

visit and returned to England. He plans to be back in a few months, however—but this time as a light-heavyweight. Johnny feels it was too much of a strain keeping his poundage down to the middleweight limit, and that he'd be much more effective at 165-168 than he was at 160. Sullivan was a busy performer during his year's stay here. Eight of his ten fights were on TV, and whether he won or lost, he never failed to give the viewers an exciting show. He'll be welcomed back at any time, the sooner the better.

Speaking of Britishers, it looks as though middleweight Pat McAteer, who made such a fine impression in his one showing here at St. Nicholas Arena, will have to curb his ring activities for a while. Pat is now physical instructor on the British liner Brittanica, and it may be some time before he can get sufficient time off to do any serious boxing.

Non-Prosperity Notes: The sock market cannot be too lush a trade in France these days. Of 860 professional fighters licensed throughout the nation, only 18 are able to make full-time paying jobs of boxing. . . . And from Australia we hear that middleweight Ricardo Marcos, the busiest main-eventer Down Under, has been unable to make a decent living despite 25 top spots in less than two and a half years, and to augment his ring earnings he's had to take a job as truck driver between fights.



Going ten rounds for the first time in his career, young heavyweight Howie Turner (left) gave a fine account of himself in holding a favored Wayne Bethea to a close decision at St. Nicholas Arena.

AROUND THE RING.

As we've often had occasion to observe in these columns, nothing springs more eternal than the optimism of the fight crowd. Promoting non-TV shows at the small clubs has become a precarious venture, but it's a tough thing trying to discourage our Pollyannas. With Sunnyside Garden giving the gamble another trial, the Westchester County Community Center in White Plains also is planning to resume operations. Moe Fleischer will handle the matchmaking assignment.

Maurie Waxman's son, Martin, is doing all right for himself with the International Ladies Garment Union. Using Baltimore as his headquarters, young Waxman is Director of Education for the organization, and editor of its monthly newspaper.

Those who've seen Willi Besmanoff in his training stints at Stillman's gym tab the young German as a real possibility in future heavyweight doings. His style of fighting is said to be more American than European. Besmanoff has an unbeaten record for 1956, with eleven straight wins over an assortment of British, French, Belgian, Italian and American as well as German opposition.

THE month's results:

Few out-of-town fighters, in their New York and major TV debuts, have scored as impressively as did 20-year-old Garnet (Sugar) Hart, 146, Philadelphia, in polishing off spunky, aggressive Earl Dennis, 143¾, Bronx, in three exciting rounds at St. Nicholas Arena. The tall, sleek Hart, bearing a strong resemblance in build and style to Ray Robinson in the latter's early pro days, uncovered a dazzling combination of nimble footwork, clever boxing and fast, accurate punching. It was the 17th victory (15th by kayo) in 18 pro starts for the former National A.A.U. lightweight and welterweight champion, but he had a real battle on his hands while the affair lasted. Despite disadvantages in height and reach, Dennis set a furious pace from the start and the going was fairly even until midway through the third, when Hart's sharp counter punching began to take effect. Twice Dennis was staggered, then dropped flat on his back by a short right a split second before the bell ended the round. The transplanted North Carolinan was groggy as he made his way back to the corner, and after a hasty check Dr. Alex Schiff, club physician, advised Referee Teddy Watson to stop the bout. Joe Frye, 156¾, Jamaica, outpointed Nick Dalleva, 161, Astoria, in the semi-final six. A pair of Bronxites were winners in two other sixes, George Dhement, 160, whipping Otis Woodward, 162, Harlem, and Mike Campbell, 155½, beating Mel Collins, 152¼, Trenton, N. J. In fours, Ralph Val, 125¾, Brooklyn, decisioned John Camara, 127, West Side, and Angelo Allegue, 159¼, Bronx, stopped George Thompson, 158¾, Brooklyn, at 1:03 of the fourth.

▶ A near-upset marked the return of boxing to Madison Square Garden when stylish Joey Giambra, 158, Buffalo, was hard pressed to edge out a split decision over fading veteran Gil Turner, 150¾, Philadelphia, in a busy ten. A top-heavy favorite, with a 7¼-pound pull in the weights, Giambra had all the better of the early rounds, boxing rings around Turner and clouting him almost at will with left hooks, right crosses, uppercuts and combinations. But the Phildelphian, fighting doggedly, staged a strong comeback and made an exciting fight of it the rest of the way. Referee Harry Kessler was so impressed by Turner's gritty uphill fight that he voted for Gil, 5-4-1. He was in the minority, however, both judges tabbing for Giambra, Bill Recht scoring it by a decisive 6-2-2 margin and Harold Barnes by a narrow 5-4-1. Howie Turner, 205, Brooklyn, outfought Calvin Wilson, 196, Philadelphia, in the semi-final six. In another six, a Giambra stablemate, Bobby Scanlon, 133, Buffalo, stopped Mike Spataro, 135½, Bronx, on eye cuts at 2:09 of the final round. Jimmy Fisher, 153¾, Philadelphia, beat Andy Figaro, 149½, Bronx, in a third six. In fours, Mario Pineiro, 148¾, Bronx, won from Art Lusby, 150¾, Dumont, N. J., and Bert DeWitt, 145, Newark, outfought a fellow-Jerseyan, Johnny Young, 143¾, Keyport. It was the first fight card offered in the Garden in six weeks and the second in two and a half months, boxing having been crowded out by other attractions, among them the Icecapades and the Rodeo.

▶ Inactive since Larry Boardman knocked him out in Madison Square Garden four and a half months before, Frankie Ryff, 139, Bronx, celebrated his return to the ring by outboxing and outpunching a borough rival, Frank Ippolito, 139½, in a lively ten at St. Nicholas Arena. Somewhat uncertain of himself at the start, Ryff boxed cautiously in the early rounds, but gradually warmed up to his task and from the fourth stanza on was complete boss of operations. Frankie was particularly effective with left hooks, buckling Ippolito's knees in the fourth and staggering him several times in the last three rounds. Although beaten, Ippolito gave a good account of himself in his first ten-rounder and TV debut. Outclassed in speed and cleverness, he fought stubbornly all the way and was still trying when the final bell clanged. Frankie Figueroa, 126½, Bronx, whipped Cleo Ortiz, 119¾, Puerto Rico, in the semi-final six. In two other sixes, Johnny Lissy, 144, former Yorkvillian now operating out of Middlesex, N. J., outpointed Benny Washington, 146½, Harlem, and Joe Salvato, 160, Bronx, stopped Ernie Drummer, 159, Syracuse, at 1:50 of the second. In a pair of fours, Joe Versace, 146¾, Wappinger's Falls, N. Y., decisioned Andre Savage, 145¾, Brooklyn, and Solomon McTier, 200, Montgomery, Ala., polished off Leroy Spivey, 185½, Brooklyn, at 1:33 of the fourth.

▶ Even with its haberdashery "partner" contributing to the cause, Sunnyside Garden's inaugural non-TV card of the 1956-57 season was not exactly a startling financial success. But Promoter Mannie Heicklen seemed quite satisfied with developments. Without the cooperation of Buddy Lee Clothes, he probably would have lost his shirt. (Oooops, pardon.) Seriously, Mannie almost broke even on the night's venture, and the few dollars he may have lost at the box-office he more than made up at his refreshment counters. Before the show he estimated that the fight card needed a gross gate of $2,300. He nearly got it. With the $1,000 from the cloak-and-suit outfit included in the total, the receipts were $2,272.65. The main event, scheduled for eight, was a short-lived affair. Hard-hitting, young Angelo DeFendis, 170, Brooklyn, packed too much power in his right hand and used only 2:38 of one round to dispose of Archie Whitfield, 167½, Harlem. It was DeFendis' 15th win (ninth by kayo) in 17 pro starts. His only defeats were the two handed him by Rory Calhoun. In a pair of eights that went their full distances, Chico Velez, 134¾, East Side, edged his way to a decision over the veteran Charley McGarrity, 130½, Brooklyn, and Eddie Thompson, 154½, Cincinnati, O., handed Joe Baglio, 154, Brooklyn, his first pro setback after eleven victories. In fours, Tommy Lorenzo, 137½, Brooklyn, hustled his way to a verdict over Lew Burke, 133½, East Side, and Ralph Val, 126, halted a rival Brooklynite, Johnny Cambria, 129, in the second.

▶ What was shaping up as an exciting brawl in Madison Square Garden ended suddenly and dramatically in the first minute of the third when Yama Bahama (William Butler), 153¼, Bimini, stopped young Tony (Tex) Gonzalez, 159, East Orange, N. J. For two rounds it had been an interesting affair between two fast-punching rivals. Bahama had the better of the opening session with Gonzalez coming back to even matters in the second. The third had hardly started when Bahama clipped Gonzalez with a vicious right to the chin. Tony collapsed to the canvas. As he stumbled up at the nine-count, Bahama swarmed all over him, both

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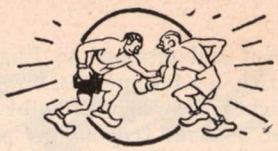


By BILL MILLER

A CAPACITY crowd of more than 10,000 fans paid $21,644 at the Olympic Auditorium box-offices to see Billy Peacock, 122½, register a sensational 6-round knockout over courageous Rudy Garcia, 126½. It was a thriller all the way.

Garcia got off to a flying start, and held the upper hand for the first four rounds. It looked like he was going to justify the odds of 10-7 in his favor. But Peacock began to percolate in Round 5; he shook up Garcia visibly with a left hook, opened a deep gash over Rudy's eye.

The finish came near the end of the sixth. Billy lashed out with a left hook, perfectly timed and executed. Garcia fell face forward, and lay there motionless for the count of five; at six, he struggled to get up, got to his feet at seven, but stumbled into the ropes and Referee Mushy Callahan had no alternative but to halt hostilities.

Next to his sensational triumph over Raton Macias last year, when Peacock broke the Mexican's jaw in the third round, this was his most impressive victory.

"Bring on Mario D'Agata or Raton Macias again", was the cry from Peacock adherents. Billy has not suffered defeat in a Los Angeles ring since early in 1954; has racked up wins over Macias, Pimi Barajas, Toluco Lopez, Keeny Teran and Jesse Mongia. He may suffer defeat elsewhere, but in L. A. he's a roaring lion.

Results of the prelims, all four-rounders: Norbert Galindo, 129, dec. Ray Avalos, 130; Mel Ferguson, 145, TKO (3) over Jerry Goldberg, 147½; Eddie Cato, 224½, dec. Johnny Mays, 206; and Larry Parker, 143, drew with Leon Mitchell, 138.

The show was not televised.

▶ Nat Fleischer sat with me at the Olympic Auditorium and witnessed Dave Johnson, stocky San Franciscan, 145, punch his way to a unanimous decision over Ray Greco, 145, originally from Denver but now an Angeleno.

Nat couldn't do much witnessing, however. He was visited by friends and old-timers from all parts of the house. Midway in the main event we moved to the back of the house for a visit with much-loved Jack Root, the youngest 80-year-old in America.

There was one knockdown; in Round 3, Johnson connected with a sharp right cross, and Greco went down for a short count. Though Greco made a strong finish, it wasn't strong enough to overcome the San Franciscan's early lead.

The scoring: Referee George Latka and Judge Dynamite Jackson, both for Johnson by scores of 97-91 and 97-90, respectively. Judge Russ Bradford saw it as a dead heat, 94-94.

Lanky Larry Maldonado, 162, jabbed and hooked his way to a 4-round TKO over Henry Bronko, 160, in the semi-final, slated for six. The fours: DeWitt Lewis, 154, decisioned Ernie Boykins, 155; Carlos Serrano, 121, defeated Petey Yray, 119½; and Tony Rios, 120, KO (3) over Abe Villa, 115.

▶ Carlos Ortiz, blond Puerto Rican now a resident of New York, 136, had things all his own way against Mickey Northrup, Angeleno, 137¾, at Hollywood Legion Stadium. The New Yorker was, in the words of one scribe, "as good as his clippings", and the clippings were plenty good. It was his 17th straight win.

There was no question about the verdict. Referee Tommy Hart scored it 98-84; Judges John Thomas and Russ Bradford tabbed it 100-89 and 100-88, respectively. The gate was a respectable $3,380, not bad at all for a televised affair.

Herman Duncan, 130½, decisioned Jimmy Lassiter, 131, in the six-round semi. The fours: Eddie Gaspora, 133½, dec. Leon Mitchell, 141; Ray Avalos, 127, trounced Ollie Calloway, 128½, and Larry Parker, 143½, TKO (2) over Billy Garrett, 140.

Northrup experienced both joy and sorrow the same day; he was married to Miss Santa Gallardo in the afternoon, suffered the most one-sided defeat of his career at night.

▶ Either Larry Bataan was extra sharp, or Eli Scott was just a split second too slow in moving away from Larry's punches. The outcome never seemed to be in doubt as the Manila battler pounded his way to a seventh round TKO over his foe from San Francisco. They met in a scheduled ten rounder at the Fresno Memorial Auditorium. Weights: Bataan, 123; Scott, 122.

The Fresno Athletic Club's venture grossed $2,100, with about 1,000 fans present.

Several volleys of power-packed hooks put Scott down twice in the decisive seventh. Referee Frank Manfredo halted proceedings after counting to 8.

Andy Carmona, 133, Fresno, TKO'd Ray Gonzales, 132, Fresno, in two rounds of a scheduled six. In another six Joe Brewer, 158, Fresno, outpointed Willie Moon, 152 S. F.

Outcomes of fours: Vince Davi, 147, TKO'd George Weiner, 143, in 1; Dick McGhee, 145, stopped Hector Garcia in 3.

▶ Staging a furious stretch drive, Jose Luis Cotero, sometimes known as the Upset Kid, 127½, racked up a unanimous ten-round decision over Bobby Bell, New York, 126, at Hollywood Legion Stadium.

The scrap was witnessed by an enthusiastic audience of over 3,000, which paid $4,046 gross to see the doin's—a very nice turnout for a locally televised affair.

The officials were in agreement, with Referee Dynamite Jackson giving Cotero the biggest edge: he scored it 98-92. Judge Reg Gillmore scored it 96-94, while Judge Russ Bradford saw it 98-95.

Action was ding-dong all the way, with the tide of battle shifting from one to the other until the final rounds. That's when Jose Luis began to rattle and roll.

In the six-round semi, Joey Smyer, 135, decisioned Jess Resendez, 130½. The fours: Questa Walker, 141, decisioned Royal Joyner, 140½; Don Farmer, 148½, triumphed over Deanie Crisp, 150, and Eddie Gaspora, 131½, decisioned Norbert Galindo, 130½.

▶ Dommy Ursua, of the Philippines, seemed to have counteroffensives to match any style of American fighters when he scored three knockouts in a row in Stockton. But he ran into misfortune when he faced Al Wilcher, of L. A., a master of the old-fashioned left jab. Wilcher, 121, decisioned Ursua, 116, at the Stockton Civic Auditorium. Referee Pete Morelli's score was 97-94 for Wilcher.

The house totaled 1,900 fans, who paid $3,586 gross. Promoter: Willie Hunefeld.

Wilcher, the best jabber Stockton fans have seen this year, often landed five sharp lefts to Ursua's features without a return. His point score was ample to keep Ursua from going ahead when the brown-skinned battler exploded to take the seventh, eighth and tenth rounds.

Abe Nance, 144, Stockton, arose from knockdowns of one and seven in the first round and came on to batter Willie Costa, 144, Hanford, into a KO defeat in the third.

Results of fours: Al Sanchez, 137, dec. Frank Elias, 135; Julian Valdez, 148, outpointed Doug Garrett, 150; Davey Nolan, 161, decisioned Harvie Williams, 162.

▶ From Jerry Mullany, my San Francisco pal: The famous Attell pugilistic clan of San Francisco lost its busiest member with the death of Jack Attell from illness in Berkeley. For the past quarter century Jack had been a prominent manager of boxers in Bay area and Northwest ring circles.

Jack was a nephew of Abe Attell, former featherweight champion, and Monte, No. 1 bantamweight title challenger for many years.

Between 1915 and 1935 Jack and his brother Gilbert Attell were active in S. F. boxing competition, their grand total of bouts amounting to more than 250.

▶ Tombstone Smith, state welter champ, 153, scored a 9th round TKO over Hank Davis Phoenix, 154, at the Olympic Auditorium, L. A. He was odds-on choice in the betting.

The fight failed to thrill the fans. Smith was ahead on all cards when Referee George Latka stopped hostilities. Davis was game, but his taller foe had the oophus on him.

At the end of the 8th round, Referee Latka had Smith in front, 79-71; Judge Jimmy Wilson tabbed Smith, 79-73 and Judge Charley Randolph saw it the same way, 78-73.

In the six-round semi, Jimmy Lassiter, 132½ and Frank Jennings, 134½, battled six fast and exciting rounds to a split decision draw.

The fours: Franklin Haynes, 177, dec. Monroe Radcliff, 178; and George Nil, 118½, TKO (4) over Petey Yray, 118¾.

▶ There's a move afoot, sponsored by the backers and supporters of Billy Peacock, to force Mario D'Agata into a match with the Negro youngster here in Los Angeles, where such a scrap would be certain to draw a big gate.

▶ The 90-day suspensions imposed against Referee Abe Roth and Golden Boy Art Aragon, both unjust in my opinion, were declared vacated by the State Athletic Commission. The gents admitted that the suspensions had been filed irregularly.

Aragon was on hand at the meeting; Roth was represented by his brother, former Superior Court Judge Lester W. Roth, one of the most highly respected attorneys in this city.

The suspensions were imposed following the hectic Aragon-Cisco Andrade fight on August 29th; Aragon's because he used an excessive amount of eye protection, and Roth's because he allegedly failed to order Aragon to the farthest corner after flooring Andrade in the 9th round.

In my opinion, and I've been in and around boxing for more than 40 years, there was absolutely no justification for this punishment. Particularly in the case of Roth, a topnotch referee for more than 30 years, and a man who has forgotten more about boxing than most of the boxing commissioners in this land will ever know.

Judge Roth was prepared to file a writ of mandate against the Commission and force them into a court battle if they didn't clear his brother.

There was a string attached to the lifting of the suspensions. Dr. Dan Kilroy, chairman of the Commission, told Chief Enforcement Officer David O. Luce to "serve notice in a proper manner for the serving of charges against both Aragon and Roth in such manner as you deem proper", or words to that effect.

One of the Commissioners came up with a dilly of a suggestion: an electrical scoreboard that would post the boxing scores of the referee and both judges at the end of each round.

We tried something along that line about 20 years ago, in California, when the late Lieut. Jack Kennedy (may he rest in peace!) used to tabulate the scores at the end of the eighth round. It didn't work.

With this round-by-round contraption, it is possible to have ten feuds or riots in a single fight. Suppose the fans didn't go along with the scoring? Feelings run high in a controversial scrap. You'd need the Riot Squad on hand at every fight!

▶ A blistering two fisted barrage by Ruben Vargas in the fourth round disposed of John Carroll in a scheduled 10 at the Auditorium in Richmond. Referee Vern Bybee counted out Carroll as he groggily hung on the ropes. Vargas, of Richmond, scaled 185; Carroll, Oakland, 178.

It was Vargas' seventh kayo, and his 12th win in 13 pro fights.

Receipts, $1,586. Jimmy Cosenza promoted.

In eight sessions Kid Castro, 139, Stockton, outpointed Billy Brown, 140, S. F. Brown scored a knockdown in the fifth. Lyle Mackin, 147, Oakland, cut short a scheduled six rounder by stopping Tony Paris, 145, S. F., in the second.

Four rounders: Vic Cardot, 135, TKO'd Pepi Rawlins, 136, in 2; Raul Valencia, 142, dec. Ken Gordon, 138.

▶ Onward and upward goes Fugie Rodriguez, the come-back kid; at the Olympic Auditorium he scored a 6th round TKO victory over Dwight Hawkins, 124½, in what was scheduled as a 10-rounder. It was televised; Rodriguez weighed 127½.

Fugie was a fine prospect back in 1950, when he first turned pro. He scored four knockouts in his first eight fights; boxed a main event in his eighth scrap, losing a close one to Dave Gallardo.

A tour of duty in the army interrupted his boxing career. He started his comeback recently in auspicious fashion, scoring a kayo over James Jackson in six.

Rodriguez scored a knockdown in the 5th, and was firing broadsides in the 6th when Referee John Thomas halted the fight.

Del Jackson, 137, scored a 3-round kayo over Benny Robledo, 137, in the third round of the semi, scheduled for six. A perfectly executed left hook to the head turned the trick. The fours: Oreafe Tatum, 160, dec. Ricardo Montanez, 166½; Little Firpo, 137, TKO (2) over Johnny Rogers, 134; and DeWitt Lewis, 149, dec. Ernest Boykins, 155.

Paul Armstead, 130½, won a split 10-round decision over Jimmy Moser, 127½, at

Hollywood Legion Stadium. Only a strong finish by Armstead enabled him to get the duke.

Moser seemed off-form. There were no knockdowns, no bloodshed. Referee Frankie Van and Judge Lee Grossman voted for Armstead, 97-91 and 97-95, respectively. Judge Tommy Herman saw it 97-97, a draw.

Joey Abasta, 145, won the unanimous verdict over Alberto Perez, 145½, in the six-round semi. The fours: Jimmy Lassiter, 132, drew with Norbert Galindo, 131½; Vince Davi, 144, dec. Jose Martinez, 144; and Eddie Cato, 237½, triumphed over Willie Pope, 190.

▶ From Sacramento comes the word that the State Attorney General had given an opinion limiting the power of the State Athletic Commission to punish rules violaters.

Said opinion was to the effect that the Commission had no right to levy fines; disciplinary action must be limited to revoking or suspending licenses.

▶ Tommy Romulo, Manila, is trying to battle his way into the "first ten" of the lightweights. Eddie Chavez, San Jose, who was in that magic circle for several years, tried his best to detour the speedy Filipino, but Romulo took the decision after ten bristling rounds. Arena of the Willie Hunefeld promotion venture was the Civic Auditorium in Stockton. Weights; Romulo, 136; Chavez, 138. Johnny Bassinelli refereed.

Romulo, achieving his sixth straight win in the U. S., scored a seven count knockdown in the fifth. A Romulo right hook in the fourth raised a large swelling under Chavez' right eye.

In eight rounds Abe Nance, 145, Stockton, outpointed Chuck Courtney, 144, Oakland.

Four rounders: Ken Gordon, 138, dec. Al Sanchez, 139; Dave Nolan, 160, stopped Chester Sheppard, 162, in 4.

▶ Gabriel (Flash) Elorde of Manila started out with the idea of boxing Luke Sandoval methodically until the late rounds, and then to step up his offensive if Luke got tired. But a bad cut over Elorde's left eye in the first round caused him to change his plans. Flash offset any chance of his losing by a TKO by tossing his entire punch repertoire at the Los Angeles mittster.

The end of the San Jose main event came in the second. Elorde dropped Sandoval with two explosive hooks, and Luke was counted out. Weights: Elorde, 130; Sandoval, 129.

Hank Casey, 157, San Francisco, decisioned Tommy Villa, 164, San Jose, in six. In a scheduled four, Nick Vasquez, 218, knocked out Dave Ford, 198, in 3.

▶ Cal Working, lovingly known to his friends as Honest Cal (I've been one of those friends for more than a quarter of a century) was named matchmaker at the Olympic Auditorium, replacing Babs McCoy who resigned because of ill-health.

Working is one of the best-known, best-liked, and most-respected men in boxing. As a manager, he did a terrific job with fighters like Baby Arizmendi and Turkey Thompson. He has been very successful in business and at one time operated three restaurants; he still retains the Casa Cienega, one of the finest eating-houses in the Southland.

The appointment was hailed by the press as an excellent one. Cal did a fine job at Hollywood Legion Stadium for three years, as matchmaker; he'll do a fine job at the Olympic, too.

▶ Denounced as one of the worst decisions in California ring history was the split decision verdict to Orlando Zulueta, 133½ over Don Jordan, 138, at the Olympic Auditorium.

Referee Frankie Van scored it 94-94, a draw; Judge Charley Randolph scored it 98-90 for Zulueta, and Judge Dick Young saw it 98-92, also for Zulueta.

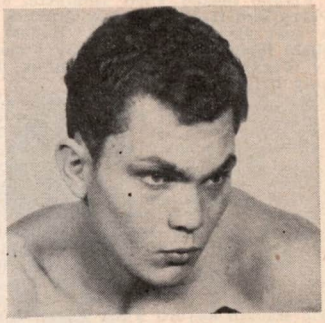
Abe Villa, 117, outslugged Sammy Garcia, 120, to take the four-round semi. Other fours: Tony Rios, 121½ got the duke over Rudy Cisneros, 120, and the crowd booed that verdict, too; Ernie Boykins, 141, KO (3) over Ken Rowland, 138; and Little Firpo, 138, TKO (2) over Tony Greco, 141.

▶ Kid Centella, of Managua, Nicaragua, 136 (his birthcertificate name is Gustavo Adolpho Vega) made an impressive local debut at the Olympic Auditorium by scoring a 3-round TKO over thitherto undefeated Jimmy Hornsby, 134.

Hornsby entered the ring a 10-7 choice. He had won six in a row as a pro, and was a Golden Gloves champ as an amateur.

If it is any consolation to Hornsby, this same Centella scored a 2-round knockout over Ralph Dupas back in 1950, and Dupas is now well up among the top ten lightweights. Has been for a long time.

Arty Dixon, 160, scored a 3-round TKO over Sonny Heft, 161, in the semi, scheduled for six. The fours: Rickey Palma, 128, dec. Tony Rios, 125; Mel Ferguson, 145, dec. Jesse Jones, 143; and Vince Davi, 147½, KO (3) over Herman Beasley, 143.



Carlos Ortiz, New York lightweight, made a big hit on the West Coast when he recently defeated Mickey Northrup at the Hollywood Legion Stadium. He won the ten rounder going away.

▶ Despite local TV, there was a surprising turnout at Hollywood Legion Stadium to see the battle between Lauro Salas, former world lightweight champ, and Bobby Bell, New York feather; the gross gate was $5,190.

The verdict was a draw; a split decision. Referee Charley Randolph voted for Bell, 96-94; Judge Jack McDonald saw Salas, by the same score. Judge Dynamite Jackson called it even-Stephen, 95-95. It was a real thriller all the way, with Salas scoring a knockdown in Round 3. Bell will be welcomed back with open arms. The weights: Salas, 127¾; Bell, 128½.

Paul Baker, 135, scored a 5th round TKO over Joe Smyer, 137½, in the semi, scheduled for six. The fours: Jerry Goldberg, 146, technical draw (1) with Denny Crisp, 148; Rudy Cisneros, 118, TKO (3) over Georgie Nil, 116½, and Little Firpo, 138, duked Leon Mitchell, 139½.

▶ Any ringman who adopts the name of a great fighter is likely to suffer by comparison, especially when he has an "off" night. Joe Louis III of Oakland had such an experience when he dropped a ten round verdict to Reuben Vargas. They traded punches in the headliner at San Jose's Civic Auditorium. Weights: Vargas, 181; Louis, 185.

Louis, while missing with most of his blockbusters, was unable to get out of the way of the heaviest blows of Vargas. In the later rounds he lost points by too much bobbing and weaving in an effort to avoid the rain of Vargas punches.

Vargas, San Francisco, got 98 on Referee Vern Bybee's score to Louis' 93. Promoter Babe Griffin counted about 1000 fans paying $1135 gross.

The big punch in the scheduled six-round semi was a left hook to the chin by Willie Morton, 147, San Jose, in the fourth stanza. Victim was Don Webb, 146, Oakland, who was counted out. Fours: Kid Sixto, 169, dec. Andy Domebo, 174; Rudy Sanchez, 139, outpointed Ken Gordon, 137.

▶ Richmond, Calif., which a year ago was one of the West Coast's busiest boxing centers, came back into the spotlight again after several months of no fights at all. A new promoter, Jimmy Cosenza, brought in $1116 worth of fans with a fast-action card.

In the scheduled eight round headliner, Jack Parelli, Oakland, 137, scored a mild surprise by knocking out George Sullivan, 136, of San Rafael, in the third session. A right to the chin accounted for the first knockdown in the third, after an even two rounds. The finisher was a right uppercut. Sullivan was on one knee as Referee Jack Silver reached ten.

Johnny Heard, 161, Richmond, battled eight rounds to a draw with Hank Casey, 158, San Francisco. Prelim fours: Al Conley, 139, dec. Sammy Taylor, 140; Chuck Carter, 146, drew with Julian Valdez, 150; Richard All, 188, stopped Max Dagenpat, 181, in 2.

▶ Seemingly tireless youth triumphed over superior ringcraft and experience when Joey Lopes, 134, decisioned Teddy (Redtop) Davis, 135, in a ten rounder at Sacramento's Memorial Auditorium. Joey added to his string of good "boxoffice" performances, the gate being $4926 gross. Co-promoters were Fred Pearl and Jackie King.

The Hartford, Conn. veteran displayed plenty of the form which has kept him close to the contenders' circle for the past ten years, and in many outbursts completely outboxed the Sacramento lad. But Lopes never stopped swinging, and seemed to put on speed as Davis slowed slightly in the later rounds.

Neither of the six round special events went the distance. Billy Brown, 143, Oakland, TKO'd Gypsy Mike Mitchell, 138, Sacramento, in four. Abe Nance, 144, Stockton, stopped Jack Williams, 144, Oakland, in two. In a scheduled four, David Ford, 202, halted Clarence Parker, 203, in the first.

▶ Trailing in the early rounds, Jose Luis Cotero, 128, came with a rush and a roar at the finish to score a 10th heat kayo over Bobby Courchesne, Holyoke, 129, at Hollywood Legion Stadium.

Cotero was 2 points behind on the scorecard of Referee Dynamite Jackson going into the final round. A sizzling left hook to the chin, midway in the 10th, sent the Holyoke boy to the canvas. Courchesne took the count of four, but he had little left when he got to his feet. A few seconds later, a right to the head sent him down again. Referee Jackson didn't bother to count.

Funny thing about the match: the Commission at first refused to sanction it on the ground that Cotero wasn't a fittin' foe for the New Englander. The betcha-boys made Courchesne a 3-1 favorite.

Harvey Taylor, 171, one of Barney Barnett's up-and-coming proteges, scored a 4th round TKO over Clyde Watson, 174½, in the semi, scheduled for six. The fours: Ray Avalos, 128½, drew with Rickey Palma, 129; Jesse Jones, 143, decisioned Joe Smyer, 140; and Corrie Holloway, 187, duked Terry Sorrels, 200.

▶ Lauro Salas, temporarily suspended following a brush with the law over a barroom mixup, was exonerated and reinstated by the State Athletic Commission after a 30-minute debate. Manager Roger Leighton came prepared to fight in the event the Commission took action against his lovin' Lauro.

Leighton and Salas were represented by Jules Covey, attorney, and former chairman of the State Athletic Commission. Covey is highly regarded in the profession. He came prepared with statements and affidavits to prove that Salas was the victim of an unjustified arrest.

▶ From Jerry Mullany: Besides their San Francisco-born warriors who became champions, Bay City ring followers have been most proud of their "adopted" fistic sons. These stalwarts, who battled their way to ring fame while making S. F. their headquarters included Jim Jeffries of Los Angeles, Stanley Ketchel (The Michigan Assassin), and Young Corbett III of Fresno. Most recent of these "darlings" of S. F. audiences was Carl "Bobo" Olson, of Honolulu.

It was with a note of regret that these fans heard Bobos camp announce his retirement a few months after he and Ray Robinson had drawn the biggest gate (approximately $230,000) in West Coast boxing history .

Finis to the once tireless, fast-punching and durable battler's career came in a Portland, Oregon gymnasium. He was preparing for a clash with Sammy Walker of Springfield, Mass. According to his handlers, Bobo was constantly being rocked by not-to-hard punches, and he was taking five times as many blows from sparring partners as he did in his prime.

So Bobo's retirement was announced, and the bout with Walker cancelled. Promoter Tommy Moyer called off the show, and returned all advance reservation money.

Olson is now 28. He got many rich purses, and is reported to have considerable cash left. Running a pub or indulging in some routine business will seem prosaic to one who has worn the fistic royal purple and fought in numerous packed stadiums and entertained millions on television.

▶ One of the biggest days in a boxer's life is the one in which he makes his debut as a main eventer. Willie Morton, 145, San Jose, ended the worries of his admirers as to whether he could go ten rounds by knocking out Chato Duarte, 146, of Mexico City, in the first session. Their brief clash took place at the Auditorium in San Jose. Promoter was Babe Griffin.

Prelims: Kid Sixto, 169, Mt. View, dec. Andy Domebo, 172, San Jose, in 6; Steve Mendoza, 150, San Jose, outpointed Kid Francis, 151, San Francisco, in 6; Tommy Villa, 171, San Jose, TKO'd Herschel Bailey, 166, S. F., in 3.

▶ It was standing room only for the crowd which paid $10,737 to see Northern California's best drawing card, Joe Lopes, drop a ten round decision to Leo Alonzo in the headliner at Memorial Auditorium in Sacramento. It was Lopes' first defeat in 14 starts before the home audience, though he has lost a number away from his favorite stamping grounds. Alonzo, top claimant to the lightweight championship of the Orient, hails from Manila. Each mittman weighed 135.

One judge voted the battle a draw. The others had Alonzo, 98 to 95 and 97 to 95. Johnny Bassanelli refereed. Happy co-promoters were Jackie King and Fred Pearl.

To most observers the key round was the ninth. Lopes was staggered by the Filipino in this session and put Alonzo ahead in the scorecards of a very even encounter.

The semi-main was brief, a scheduled six-rounder ending in the first. Willie Lewis, 153, Sacramento, knocked out Dave Wagner, 149, Oroville.

RATINGS

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Jimmy Beecham, 10.

Italian Champion Guido Mazzinghi retained his title by winning from Mario Faverzani on disqualification, 3, and followed with quick knockout Manuel Martinera, 1.

Yama Bahama kayoed Tony (Tex) Gonzales, 3. Chico Vejar lost to welterweight Kid Gavilan, 10.

Tiberio Mitri decisioned Ricardo Marcos, 10. Franz Szuzina beat Georgia Kid, 10. Jimmy Martinez scored over Pete Adams, 10. Barry Allison decisioned Sammy Walker, 11. Max Resch overcame two knockdowns to outslug Tuzo Portuguez, 10.

Wilf Greaves kayoed Arley Seifer, 7. Randy Sandy outpointed Al Andrews, 10, and Johnny Sullivan, 10. Belgian Champion Richard Bouchez walloped Hamouda Bouraoui, 10. Sam Langford defeated O'Neill Richardson, 10. Chebo Hernandez kayoed Woody Winslow, 5. Norris Bruse beat Henry Burton, 10. Don (Bronco) Johnson kayoed Rod Litzow, 10, and drew with Carlo Marchini, 12.

Jim Hegerle kayoed Jackie King, 1. Harry Castle whipped Joe Damiami, 12. Richard Bouchez retained Belgian title by outpointing Jo Janssens, 12. Sherman Williams whipped Charlie Glover, 8. Pedro Antonio Jimenez defeated Bobby Jackson, 8. Rudy Ellis won from Abe Linnear, 6. Jimmy Robinson stopped Frankie Anslem, 6.

Joe Brewer beat Willie Moon, 6. Gilbert Lavoine drew with Jean-Claude Poisson, 10. Aldo Chiesa won from Aristide Dal Piaz, 8.

Eddie Thompson won over Joe Baglio, 8, and halted Eddie Andrews, 6. Felix (Choo-Choo) Benson bested Bobby Rosado, 6. Billy Hester won from George Boddie, 8. Curtis Bruce stopped Pete Adams, 9. Kid Fenton halted Buddy Baer, 5. Otis Woodard stopped Bob Barksdale, 2. Johnny O'Brien kayoed Al Palmer, 3.

Willie Lewis stopped Dave Wagoner, 1. Joe Gray bested Ernie Smith, 8. Joey Henderson kayoed Pinky Almeuda, 4. Hank Casey edged out Tommy Villa, 6. Billy Tuck defeated Willie Desmond, 6. Billy Priest kayoed Jackie Silver, 2. Larry Maldonado kayoed Henry Bronko, 4.

Kid Zorzal whipped Kid Ponche, 6. Mickey Brown beat Joe Harris, 6. Marcel Piau kayoed Ron Chapdelaine, 1. Joe Salvato kayoed Ernie Drummer, 2.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Isaac Logart stopped Clarence (Duke) Harris, 7, but previously was upset by Gaspar Ortega, 10.

Virgil Akins kayoed Pat Lowry, 2.

George Barnes lost to Bruno Visintin, 12, then regained Australian title by beating Darby Brown, 15.

Vince Martinez easily outpointed Jimmy Ford, 10, and kayoed Don Williams, 2.

European champion Emilio Marconi retained his title when French champion Valere Benedetto was disqualified in the 13th. Kid Gavilan outpointed middleweight Chico Vejar, 10.

Joe Miceli outscored Carlo Sarlo, 10. Louis Carr kayoed Tony Armenteros, 3, and beat Miguel Diaz, 10.

Charley (Tombstone) Smith halted Hank Davis, 9, and Timmie Jefferson, 3. Frankie Johnson edged out Belgian Champion Pierre Wouters, 10. Everardo Armenta beat Manuel Rocha, 10, kayoed Eddie Rivera, 3 but lost to Arnold Hill, 10. Abel Soudan halted Emil Koch, 7.

Julio Cesar Jimenez kayoed Chamaco Ortiz, 5, and best Jose Luis Lopez, 10. Billy Lynch defeated Mel Collins, 10, and kayoed Frederico Plummer, 2. Walter Byars outscored Grant Campbell, 8. Dave Johnson outpointed Ray Greco, 10.

Steve Ward outscored Bob Murphy, 10. Dick Goldstein defeated Bob Terrance, 10. Bob beat Clifton Lester, 10. Jimmy Peters outscored Willie (Kid) Johnson, 8. Tony DiBiase won over Ray Portilla, 8. Willie Morton kayoed Chato Durate, 1, Don Webb, 4, and beat Archie Whitewater, 10. Alfonso Flores kayoed Gabriel Barragan, 6. Abe Nance defeated Chuck Courtney, 8. Ernest Porto kayoed Milton Ross, 2.

Jake Josato defeated Bobby Douglas, 8, Harry Clay, 8, and Calvin Smith, 6. J. R. Flores stopped Baby Colon, 7, and fought a no contest with Baby Cochet, 9. Rudy Sawyer kayoed Claude Norwood, 3. Willie Stevenson beat Jimmy Watkins, 8. Jimmy Archer stopped Al Milone, 7. Billy Clark defeated George Haynes, 6, but lost to Al Powell, 6. Giancarlo Garbelli decisioned Ben Buker, 10.

Fidel Hernandez kayoed Mike Coronado, 7. Butsy Gallant kayoed Larry Griffin, 8. Umberto Vernaglione decisioned Idrissa Diona, 10. Mickey Crawford bested Art Lusby, 6. Tommy Thomas defeated Lou Josephs, 6. Johnny Lissy defeated Henny Winchman, 6, and Benny Washington, 5. Gilberto Holguin decisioned Ray Perez, 10.

Don Vincent stopped Freddy LaNinfa, 4. Bill Flamio bested Fred Monforte, 8. John L. Parry and Harry Braelow drew, 8, Perry then beat Henry Brown, 8. Robert Cofer whipped Paulie Griffin, 6. Jimmy Fisher beat Andy Figaro, 6. Reybon Stubbs kayoed Johnny Bridges, 5.

Stefan Redl kayoed Joe Lissy, 1. John Tombley defeated Ed Fobbs, 6, and kayoed Pinkey Silverberg, 1. Rolando Rodriguez, lost to Angel Tamayo, 10, then kayoed him in 4, and kayoed Nardo Paret, 2. Irvin Chaline kayoed Joe Polanco, 5. Ray Terrazas won over Baby Romero, 6. Willie Barboie and George Ferenczi drew, 6.

Armando Flores scored over Al Boudreaux, 6, and repeated in 10. Peter Schmidt beat Ray Apollo, 6, and Itzy Wallach, 6. Don Braun and Richie Crump drew, 6. Joe Abasta beat Al Perez, 6.

Lyle Mackin kayoed Tony Paris, 2, and Al Barbero, 3. Robert E. Lee bested Don Glenn, 6. Bobby Dalton and Sonny Boykin, drew, 6. Steve Mendoza beat Kid Francis, 6.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Larry Boardman outscored Paddy DeMarco, 10. Kenny Lane won over Frankie Ryff, 10.

European Champion Duilio Loi posted his 10th straight victory of 1956 by decisioning Maurice Auzel, 10 (non-title).

British Empire champion Willie Toweel retained his title by outpointing Canadian title holder Richie Howard, 15, Willie also kayoed Belgian champ Georges Devoes, 10.

Kid Centella halted Carlos Chavez, 5. Ray Riojas defeated Jackie Blair, 10.

Orlando Zulueta outscored Don Jordan, 10. Bobby Courchesne won over Pat McCoy, 10.

Leo Alonzo decisioned Joe Lopes, 10. Italian Champion Bruno Visintin edged out welterweight George Barnes, 12.

Paolo Rosi stopped Henry Brown, 8. Baby Vasquez decisioned Teddy Davis, 10. Jesse Bogart kayoed Alvaro Gutierrez, 6.

Frankie Ryff outboxed Frankie Ippolito, 10. Tommy Romulo decisioned Eddie Chavez, 10. Guy Gracia upset British Champion Joe Lucy, 10. Percy Lewis outpointed Billy Kelly, 8.

Sammy McCarthy stopped Johnny Miller, 6. Star Gony defeated Rocky Kalingo, 10. Beto Ganzalez kayoed Carlos Barragan, 8. French Champion Seraphin Ferrer dropped decision to Felix Chiocca, 10 (non-title).

Gale Kerwin stopped Al Barraza, 7. Alex Vargas outpointed Aldo Mente, 10. Ubaldo Ramirez beat Manuel Beltran, 10. Carlos Ortiz decisioned Mickey Northrup, 10. Arnold Hill kayoed Hector Garcia, 5, and beat welterweight Everardo Armenta, 10. Bobby Rogers upset Davey Moore, 8.

Rocky Randell and Ray Portilla drew, 10. Luis Diaz kayoed Kid Tabaco, 3, and lost on a disqualification to Rudy Rodriguez, 2. Tommy Salem won from Johnny Gorman, 6. Austrian Champion Willi Swoboda decisioned Rene Scheich, 8. Rafael Lastre won from Bombon Oriental, 10. Luciano Gonzalez stopped Fidel Lucero, 7. Johnny McKoin kayoed Pat Brown, 4.

Pico Solis defeated Jose Quijano, 10. Antonio Ramirez stopped Luis Oranday, 9. Chico Velez decisioned Charlie McGarrity, 8. Gene Toran stopped Jimmy Soo, 7. Carlo Leone defeated Rocky Sullivan, 6. Carlos Arregui beat Juan Lemus, 8. Kid Castro bested Billy Brown, 8.

Bobby Scanlon stopped Mike Spataro, 6. Ray Estepa bested Paul Smith, 8. Paul Baker kayoed Joe Smyer, 5. Herman Duncan beat Jimmy Lassiter, 6, Jimmy then drew with Frank Jennings, 6. Earl Mathews defeated Pat McCoy, 8. Charley Douglas whipped Art Suffoletta, 6. Daladier Urista beat Chino Colonia, 8, Chino then kayoed Jose Rangel, 6. Eddie Armstrong kayoed Al Duarte, 3, and beat Rocky Leone, 6. Domingo Hidalgo scored over Libe Zavala, 8. Louis Van Hoeck decisioned Welsh Champion Willie Lloyd, 10.

George Ross stopped Tony Grasso, 4. Solomon Boysaw beat Willie Dillon, 6. Del Jackson kayoed Benny Robledo, 3. Roberto Bolanos beat Rudy Martinez, 8.

Joey Donovan defeated Harvey Charles, 8. Angel Garcia won from Al Robinson, 8. Andy Carmona stopped Ray Gonzalez, 2. Kenny Sheilds defeated Henry Watson, 6. Horacio Otis kayoed Carlos Watson, 4, but lost to Carlos Ortiz, 10. Joe Smyer defeated Jess Resendez, 6. Bill Hall decisioned Tino Fuerte, 6. Harold Smith won over Benny Artist, 6. Bobby Chabot stopped Dick Graham, 6. Pat McCarthy stopped Nick Speros, 2.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Jean Sneyers stopped Hogan (Kid) Bassey on head cut, 4.

Flash Elorde kayoed Luke Sandoval, 2, but was beaten by Miguel Berrios, 10.

Jose Luis Cotero outpointed Bobby Bell, 10, Paul Jorgensen defeated Carmelo Costa, in 10.

Gil Cadilli upset Ike Chestnut, 10. Roberto Garcia beat Roy Hernandez, 10, and stopped Collier Cox, 7. Rudy Garcia was stopped by bantamweight Billy Peacock, 6.

Angel Guerrero bested Julio Escobedo, 10. Humberto Carrillo and Manuel Armenteros drew, 10, Humberto kayoed Raul Rivera, 4.

Harold Gomes stopped Charley McGarrity, 10, and Segundo Perez 3. Louis Poncy outslugged Andre Younsi, 10. Martin Rodriguez outscored Russ Tague, 10. Paul Armstead decisioned Jimmy Moser, 10. Trini Ruiz stopped Percy Lightburn, 7. Fugi Rodriguez stopped Dwight Hawkins, 6.

David Rodriguez beat Martin Vazquez, 10. Salvatore Vangi decisioned Jacinto Santin, 10. Aime Devish won from Lucien Meraint, 10. Russell Sands whipped Tony Borraccia, 12. Lettero Petilli whipped Cosmo Pezzuto, 8. Jet Bally beat Buddy Brown, 10, Buddy won over Vic Fuentes, 10. Memo Esqueda halted Tigrillo Vargas, 7. Jesse Rodrigues beat Tony Crispy, 8. Rudy Ortega defeated Johnny Hand, 10.

Andre Valignat halted Andre Bernard, 9. Joaquin Carrillo decisioned Raul Solis, 10. Brian Smith polished off Frankie Bennett, 2.

Cesar Saavedra kayoed Americo Rivera, 5. George Flemming knocked out Barry Molloy, 10, and Laurie Gordon, 6. Warren Powell disposed of Des Ashe, 11.

Felipe Novelo stopped Ray Mancilla, 6, and beat Ramon Carrillo, 8. Bill Lawrence outpointed Max Cadman, 8. Junior Flores kayoed Don Broussard, 2. Felix Cervanters whipped Mike Rios, 8. Felipe Sosa kayoed Chuy Macias, 6, and Jesse Mendoza, 5. Johnny Michael reversed previous decision by outpointing Wally Jenkins, 12. Alvard Collado kayoed Aurelio Rivero, 6. Sammy Bonicci outclassed Gordon Bell, 12.

Manuel Armenteros beat Kid Campeche, 10. Henry Macias kayoed Joe Herrera, 4, and Heliodoro Hernandez, 7. Tono Coria kayoed Carlos Montes, 4. Jorge Gonzalez stopped Gil Cota, 3. Roberto Ortega kayoed Enrique Bolanos, 1. Gabriel Navarro beat Beto Rodriguez, 8.

Memo Baltazares kayoed Luis Espinosa, 6, but lost to Enrique de la Cruz, 10. Sal Vegas decisioned Ruben Munoz, 8. Roberto Razo bested Jorge Gabino, 10. Terry Andrade beat Ray Ming Chan, 8. Bobby Soares edged out Ramon LaBoy, 6. Lalo Camarena stopped Luis Bautista, 5. Baby Navan kayoed Strong Canpn, 6.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

World champion Mario D'Agata decisioned Juan Cardenas, 10. (non-title).

Raton Macias kayoed Chango Ceballos, 4, and Johnny (Ace) Hand, 1.

Billy Peacock stopped featherweight Rudy Garcia, 6. Orlando Reyes beat Kildo Martinez, 10.

British Empire champion Peter Keenan retained title by kayoing Australian Champion Kevin James, 2, and bested Federico Scaparti, 10.

Alphonse Halimi defeated Tanny Campo, 10. German Ohm outboxed Joe Becerra, 10. Jose Luis Mora stopped flyweight Joe Medel, 8.

Larry Bataan stopped Eli Scott, 7. Canadian champion Pat Supple outpointed Canadian feather champion Gaby Paliotti, 10. George Dormer halted Ron Johnson, 4.

Pierre Cossemyns decisioned Alfred Schweer, 8. Rudy Coronado kayoed Luis Gutierrez, 4, Luis kayoed Ricardo Manzanillo, 6, but lost to Ernesto Castaneda, 10, Ernesto whipped Rogelio Saucedo, 10. Cubanito Gonzalez defeated Chucho Hernandez, 8. Chucho Tello outpointed Baby Ruiz, 10, but lost to Raul Leanos, 10 Raul kayoed Baby Sandoval, 6.

Miguel Lazu defeated Humberto Diaz Llerandi, 8. Mario Ruiz beat Chuy Guerrero, 10. Chuy also lost to Miguel Garcia, 10. Toro Padilla outscored Nacho Escalente, 8. Nacho halted Pepe Chavarria, 7. Ramon Cervantes kayoed Baby Martinez, 3. Ernie Masangkay beat Puyas Boy, 8. Jose Santos whipped Frankie Supplee, 6. Robert Meunier lost on disqualification to Jose Alvarez, 7.

Chucho Mejia kayoed Paco Quinones, 2. Anastasio Navarrete kayoed Pepe Acevedo, 1. Jorge Salazar beat Manuel Rojas, 8. Claudio Martinez kayoed Juan Diaz II, 3. Chucho Alarcon kayoed Daniel Romero, 5. Frisco Concepcion kayoed Bert Gonzalez, 10.

Eduardo Guerrero stopped Americo Rodriguez, 3. Pedro Ugalde beat Memo Gonzalez, 6. Tony Rios won over Carlos Serrano, 6. Gene Aragon and Young Elino drew, 8. Huesito Gonzalez stopped Eloy Ruano, 3.

FLYWEIGHTS

European Champion Young Martin demolished Juanito Cid, 2. (non-title)

Joe Medel kayoed Cheto Fernandez, 3, but was stopped by Jose Luis Mora, 8. Spanish Champion Jose Ogazon drew with Lopez Durban, 8 (non-title).

Negrito Medina won over Luis Miranda, 8. Peter Zapata decisioned Joe Quijano, 8. Nigerian Champion Ado Garbua decisioned Gold Coast title-holder Little Joe, 12, in bout for British West African laurels. Chiquis Rosales beat Guillermo Gonzalez, 8.

Delfino Martinez stopped Negro Alvarado, 8. Chano Juarez kayoed Albino Flores, 1. Young Aquino kayoed Rocky Paredes, 5. Lory Articulo defeated Kid Basas, 8.

MACHEN KAYOED!

Glove at First Sight. Eddie Machen, ranking heavyweight contender with his bride, the former Charlotte Nelson after they were married in San Francisco early in November.

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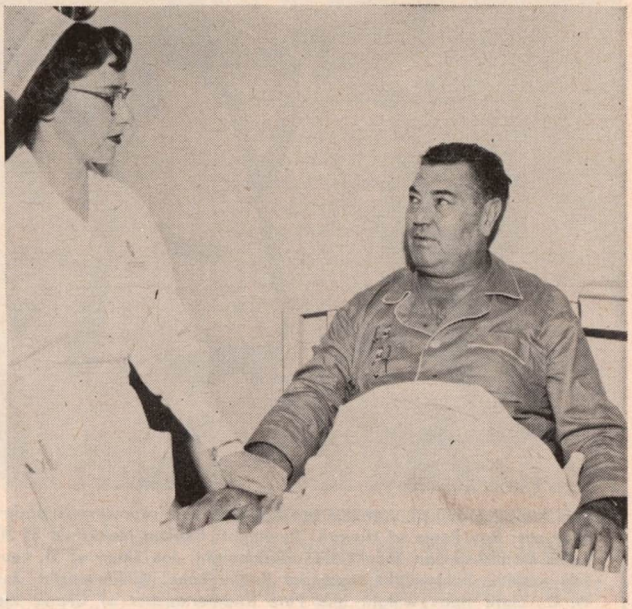

Dempsey down—but not out. Jack Dempsey felled with fatigue and a virus, was ordered to take a complete rest at a Chicago Hospital.

THE 'BIG' STORY

(*Continued from page 25*)

tons. Laying them end to end would stretch the tape to about 365 feet.

You can go back as far as you like and find giants of the ring, some fair, others worse, most unfit for the task of fighting swifter, better coordinated machines. One of the early claimants for the American title was an Irishman named Ned O'Baldwin. He was 6 feet, 5 inches tall and weighed 220 pounds. He fought Joe Wormald for what would have been the American title in Boston in 1868 but police broke it up after one minute and 15 seconds and O'Baldwin wound up with a 18-month jail sentence for violating the law. That was the end of his career. He was shot in a saloon in 1875 and died.

Prior to the entry of Potgieter in the human pogo strick league, the tallest heavyweight of record was Jim Cully, an Irishman who fought, the word is used loosely, a few years ago in this country. He was 7 feet, 4 inches tall and weighed about 275 pounds. Previous to that there was Henry Johnson, "The Human Sky Scrapper" from Canada who fought at the turn of the century. Johnson was 7 feet, 2 inches tall and weighed 265, just about all that is remembered of him. His fighting career was nothing to write home about.

New York's Ben Moroz, who originated in Philadelphia, was 7 feet, 1 inch and weighed 302 pounds. His battles with Texan, Gil Stromquist, 6 feet, 8½ inches, weighing 250, in the 1940's were naturally of the earth shattering variety though they didn't put a dent in the world ratings. Moroz, in his mid-thirties, passed away this year.

One of the earliest giants was Charles Freeman of America who was hailed as this country's champion though where he grabbed the title no one knows. Exported to England in 1842 this 6 foot, 10½ inch giant who tipped the beam at 320 pounds was matched with William Perry, the Tipton Slasher, a midget at 6 feet ½ inch and weighing 185 pounds. In their first bout, the police stopped the affair after seventy rounds and ten days later they met, with Freeman losing on a foul after 37 rounds.

Our favorite big fellow was 6 foot, 6 inch Neal Stokes, a 160 pounder who fought in the early forties. He looked like he was held together with hinges and when he got tagged you expected him to fold up into a campact little package.

While the big fellows were not particularly proficient as fighters they certainly have added color to the game. It seems that things start looking up when one of them comes along.

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This happy group of warriors are the lads who represented Uncle Sam in the 1956 Olympic games in Australia. Reading from left to right they are: Ray Perez of Hawaii, Flyweight; Choken Maekawa of Hawaii, Bantamweight; Harry Smith of New York, N. Y., Featherweight; Louis Molina of San Jose, Calif., Lightweight; Joe Shaw of St. Louis, Mo., Light Welterweight; Pearce Lane of Big Rapids, Mich., brother of top ranking lightweight contender Kenny Lane, Welterweight; Jose Torres of Puerto Rico, Light Middleweight; Jim Boyd of Rock Mount, N. C., Light Heavyweight and Pete Radmermacher of Grand View, Wash., heavyweight. Roger Rouse of Opportunity, Montana, the Middleweight was missing when this picture was taken.

CLEVELAND NEWS
By Harold Walsh

CLEVELAND HAS HAD TWO FINE BOXING PROGRAMS staged by the International Boxing Club and Larry Atkins recently, Joe Giardello knocking out Bobby Boyd and Rory Calhoun stopping John L. Sullivan.

Giardello and Calhoun made fine impressions and now Ed Bang, is trying to march them to headline his Cleveland News program for his Christmas Fund on Dec. 14th. Ed started his programs for the needy way back in 1926, when Billy Wallace knocked out Louis "Kid" Kaplan in a great upset.

MICHIGAN FISTIC FACTS
By Jack Waina

THERE WERE NO BOXING SHOWS HERE DURING THE PAST MONTH, but prospects for a busy fall season look exceptionally bright! Promoter Arthur Finks and this writer will reopen the Motor City Arena for the fall season.

An unfortunate injury has forced promising heavyweight George Moore out of action for at least eight months. George is one of the finest looking big boys around the country and it was a tough pill for him and his hard working handler Taylor Smith, who always does a bang-up job.

▶ Leroy Jeffery, a sensational amateur from here, will turn pro for this writer. Jeffery, who won countless titles in the amateurs, won the Detroit Golden Gloves this year and also was tops in the Chicago Champions tournament. Leroy was also an All-Army champion in the service.

Back in the gym and looking sharp again is Forrest Foster's promising young light-heavy Johnny Riggins. Another good looking 175-lbr., Bill Hunter, is back in training here after an unsuccessful trip to New York.

The Motor City Gym, operated by this writer and Arthur Finks, is one of the busiest training centers in the mid-west. Redecorated earlier in the year it is one of the cleanest training quarters in the country.

KANSAS CITY & VICINITY
By Max Yeargain

GEORGE D. SIMPSON, FOR 28 YEARS KANSAS CITY'S WRESTLING PROMOTER, now has weekly mat cards at Wichita, Kansas, which are telecast over KTVH every Wednesday night. Simpson features such top stars as, Sonny Myers, Ernie and Joe Dusek, Professor Roy Shire, the Mighty Atlas, Argentine Rocca, Ronnie Etchison and many others. Simpson runs at Memorial Hall, Kansas City, Kansas every Thursday night.

For information regarding boxing and wrestling in this vicinity, letters should be addressed to Max Yeargain, Quality Hill Towers, 905 Jefferson, Kansas City, Missouri.

TEXAS BOXING NEWS
By Harlan Haas

THERE'S BEEN CONSIDERABLE ACTION IN THIS SECTOR DURING 1956, and naturally some of the scrappers have participated in numerous contests. However, it is doubtful that any can match the record of the Fighting Frenchman, Al Boudreaux.

The 23 year old lightweight should hit the 25 mark before the old year runs out. That's a lot of fights in anyone's language. Virtually every fight has been a show stealer, as it seems the plucky Frenchman makes a habit of being in wars.

▶ **Houston, Texas Boxing Enterprises:** In somewhat of an upset Sid Flaherty's boy, Gil Cadilli, outboxed Ike Chestnut to gain a ten round split decision at the City Auditorium in downtown Houston. Jimmy Webb, the referee, tabbed it 97-96 Cadilli, Judge Joe Lott saw it 99-93 Cadilli, while Judge Bill Cornelius cast his ballot for Chestnut 97-96. Ike scaled 126, Cadilli 127.

In the under ten Sgt. Matt Jackson, Korean War Veteran who is now stationed at Ft. Sam Houston, dropped a close decision to Cal Brad, Los Angeles fighter who now operates out of Tyler. Jackson could never get across his vaunted kayo punch against the defense minded Brad. Jackson came in at 182, Brad 177.

Perhaps the best fight of the night was waged between Armando Flores, 140, Houston, and Al Boudreaux, 139, New Orleans. These two wildcats battled it out all the way in six exciting rounds. The decision by one point went to Flores.

▶ **Dallas, Lew Gray, Promoter:** Before a crowd of 2,088, who paid $4,047, Buddy Turman scored his seventh consecutive knockout by stopping big Emil Brtko of Pittsburgh in the third round of the scheduled ten round feature attraction at the Dallas Sportatorium. Brtko weighed 202. Turman 185.

Alvin Green, 177, Tyler, and Texas light-heavy champ, scored a three round tko over willing but outclassed Lester Earls, 165, Austin. Kenneth Shields, 139, Grand Prairie, won a unanimous decision over Henry Watson, 135, Dallas, in a hotly contested six. Kid Jenkins, 160, Garland, outpointed Carl Tate, 160, Dallas, in four. Roy Sparks, 155, Austin, stopped Harry Patterson, 160, Dallas, in 1:40 of the first round and looks like a boy to keep your eyes on. In a real thriller, John Hunt, 190, Tyler, boxed his way to a four rd. victory over Hal Neely, Miami, Fla.

▶ **Galveston, Geo. M. Triplett, Promoter:** Boxing returned to the Isle City after six months layoff, and although the gate wasn't anything to brag about the fights were very good. Also, Alex Vargas, the home town pride and joy, boxed his way to a ten round decision over tough Aldo Mente, Niagara Falls, New York 140 pounder. Vargas weighed 141, Mente 140.

Robert E. Lee, 151, Houston, hammered out a six round win over Don Glenn, 145, Austin. Harold Redman, 152, Beaumont, decisioned Dennis Woodbury, 150, San Antonio, in six. Anthony Beasley, 143, Houston, got the nod over Cheffy Reyna, 143, Houston, in four. Vernon Franks, 141, Houston, a good prospect, stopped Polo Patino, 148, Galveston, in the third round of a real war.

▶ **Lubbock, Geo. S. Berry Post #575, Am. Legion:** Jessie Rodriguez, 130, Kansas City, banged out an eight round main event victory over Tony Crispy, 125, Pittsburg, at Lubbock. In another eight round bout, Sal (Villegas) Vegas, 124, Houston, beat Ruben Munoz, 125, Odessa. Leonard Duncan, 164, Lubbock, hammered out a six round win over Harry Patterson, 160, Dallas. Howard Millsap, 135, Lubbock, decisioned Bill "Kid" Elias, 127, Dallas, in four rounds. Gene James, 176, Lubbock, kayoed C. C. Carroll, 166, in the second.

▶ **Corpus Christi, Lauro Gonzales, Promoter:** Norris Burse, 158, Corpus Christi, hammered out a unanimous but close decision over less experienced Henry Burton, 156, Monroe, La., in the ten round feature attraction. Burton made a hit with the crowd for his courageous stand against the sharpshooting Burse. In the semi-final Mickey Brown, 158, Houston's great young prospect, easily decisioned Lil Joe Harris, 160, Austin. Juan "Lefty" Perez, 127, Corpus Christi, edged hard hitting Mutt Dennis, 124, Houston, in another six.

BANGKOK NEWS
By H. D. Koslowski

A Capacity crowd of 8,000 filled the Rajdamnern Stadium here on Police Day, October 14th, to see Thailand's featherweight champion, SUPACHAI PINDUWATANA, fight the Japanese and Orient Champ, C. KANEKO, over 10 rounds in a non-title bout.

The Thai boy, who lacks experience, looked good for the first 2 rounds but KANEKO opened-up in the third when he floored SUPACHAI twice for a count of 9. The bell saved the Thai boxer but in the fourth round KANEKO had SUPACHAI helpless and the referee wisely stopped the fight.

In another match for the flyweight of Thailand, KUNOI NABHAPOL, the holder, after being the aggressor throughout the 12 rounds and after his opponent was in a bad way, lost his crown to PHONE KINGPET. I had KUNOI ahead on points by 44 to 41½. The gate money came up to U. S. $17,500.

BOXING IN PANAMA
By Juan W. Copeland

At the Arena Colon, in a show promoted by Louis Craig, Claudio Martinez, 118, halted Juan Diaz II, 115½, in the third round. Martinez enjoyed a slight edge until Diaz suffered a deep, wide gash under the left eye in the third. The doctor examined Diaz in the corner and recommended that the bout be halted.

Horacio Ottis, 134½, kayoed Carlos Watson, 137½, in the fourth round. Edwin Sykes, 118, won the decision over Basilio Williams, 126, in a four rounder. Fenley Hooker, 136, made short work of Randy Turpin II, 137½, knocking him out in the very first round.

FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By Felipe J. C. Galang

LEO ESPINOSA, 121, ORIENTAL BANTAMWEIGHT CHAMPION, added the featherweight title to his name after badly outpointing Jackie Trillana, 126, in 12 rounds at the coliseum in the second boxing promotions of the Philippine Sportswriters Association for the benefit of the destitute and disabled fighters of yesteryears. Leo proved too smart and elusive for his stronger rival who was always found flatfooted and an easy target for Leo's jabs.

Danny Kid, 116, and Al Asuncion, 118, fought on even terms after 12 furious rounds. Danny sustained a cut on the right eyelid in the 8th round. Al was leading in the first rounds but Danny retaliated and countered to an even terms until the last minute.

The worst decision rendered in the night was between Jet Bally, 126, and Baby Brown, 124, after 10 rounds. Judge Peter Baecher and referee Nazario Alinsod voted in favor of Bally while Judge Torres was for Brown. After the referee raised the hand of Bally a near riot started.

Frisco Concepcion, 122, knocked out Bert Gonzales, 120, and a substitute for Vlleza Villar in the 10th round. Gonzales was not properly trained for this bout and it was not surprising to see him being halted. Cris Miranda, 120, badly outpoitned Roy Campio, 117, in 8 rounds. Viva Zapata, 114, and Romy Sison, 113, drew in 6. Oriental Flash, 127, kayoed Joe Ranaga, 129 in the 2nd round of the 4 round curtain raiser.

▶Young Aquino, 112, Cabanatuan City, did not have a hard time in disposing of Rocky Paredes, 112, and flyweight champion of Davao City in the 5th round of a scheduled 6 round main event in Cabanatuan City. Aquino was too clever and strong for the Mindanao battler.

Small Genio, 112, halted Fighting De Guia, 114, in the 4th round. Lucky Arcilla, 116, won over Mar Gonzales, 115, in 4 round special attraction. Flash Mendoza, 120, kayoed Ric Flores, 119, in the 2nd round. Boy Arturo, 117, knocked out Facoma Wonder Boy, 118, in the 1st. Reomeo Gonzales, 112, kayoed Johnny Boy, 111, in the 1st round. Sison Brother, 110, outpointed Clever Pito, 110, in 4. Little "S", 110, lost to Young Robert, 110, in the 4 round curtain raiser.

▶Young Elino, 120, drew with Gene Aragon, 119, in 8 rounds in Binang, Laguna under the promotion of Mrs. Rita Reyes de Jauregui. This card was for the benefit of the Catholic Women's League of Binang for the re-construction of the Catholic Church of the municipality.

Oriental Flash, 123, the new discovery of the town, badly outpointed Bagumbayan Boy, 122, after 6 rounds. Small Dave, 108, outpointed Nestor Roy Sison, 111, in 6 rounds. Zmaex Junior, 127, kayoed Hilarson Boy, 130, i nthe very first round. Rogelio Kid, 111, stopped Maning Junior, 109, in the 2nd round. Baby Marfil, 119, kayoed Clever Sergio, 124, in the 4th round. Young Lauro, 114, halted Joe Mario, 114, in the 2nd round. Halina Bomber, 105, won over Rush Bajon, 105, in the 4 round curtain raiser.

▶Ernie Masangkay, 120, badly outpointed Puyas Boy, 126, in 8 round main event in San Fernando, La Union. Ben Ferrer, 126, drew with Flash Menny, 127, in 8 rounds. Ernie Paredes, 116, halted Prince Tut, 117, in the 4th round. Young Liberty, 116, decisioned Rozo Asistin, 115, in 6. Romeo Gonzales, 114, outpointed Stos Kid, 115, in 4. Rocky Luis, 112, bested Joe Natividad, 112, in 4 round curtain raiser.

▶Star Gony, 136, former welterweight champion of the country, decisioned Rocky Kalingo, 140, in 10 rounds in Grace Park.

Ray Ming Chan, 124, Chinese fighter was badly outpointed by Terry Andrade, 130, in 8 rounds. Ernesto Porto, 141, did not have a hard time in knocking out veteran Milton Ross, 147, in the 2nd round. Patricio Kid, 140, kayoed Luis Mitchel, 137, in the 2nd round. Felix Guinobatan, 117, halted Baby Eagle, 117, in the 2nd stanza. Eladio Enrile, 115, won over Newsboy Brown, 109, in 6. Quarry Kid, 114, defeated Eddie Duchin, 107, in the 4 round opener.

▶Star Toty, 96, drew with Vic Semeniano, 96, in 8 round bout in Calapan, Mindoro. Star Riva, 120, halted Young Velasco, 116, in the 2nd round. Star Moises, 110, and Rush Benny, 113, drew in 6. Rush Gallardo, 116, kayoed Roblon Boy, 117, in the 4th round. Kid Amancio, 117, outpointed Speedy Marciano, 110, in 6. Kid Pamping, 110, decisioned Speedy Marciano, 110, in 6 round opener.

▶Baby Naven, 130, knocked out Strong Cañon, 129, in the 6th round of a scheduled 8 round main event in Taytay, Rizal. Ely Fernandez, 112, badly outpointed Viva Zapata, 112, in 6. Joe Guevarra, 112, halted Cardona Boy, 114, in 4. Kid Johnson, 122, decisioned Tely Virac, 123, in 4. Tiger Willy, 118, drew with San Juan Boy, 118, in 4. Kulafu Jr., 110, defeated Young Bonnie, 110, in 4 rounds.

▶Baby Brown, 122, badly outpointed Vic Fuentes, 124, in 10 rounds in Grace Park stadium. Brown proved too clever and elusive for the slow moving southpaw. 7-Up Flash, 118, beat Flash Menny, 113, in 8 rounds. Lory Articulo, 113, decisioned Kid Basas, 112, in another 8 rounder. Young Elino, 123, won over Strong Cañon, 125, in 6 round special attraction. Emil de Leon, 112, bested Small Dave, 111, in 6. Ely Fernandez, 114, outpointed Leon Silos, 115, in 6. Memo Diaz, 125, kayoed Dommy Basas, 113, in 4. Angel Boy, 118, halted Flor Caytano, 124, in 2. Baby Moro, 111, kayoed Enrique D'Agata, 101, in the 1st round. Ruben Tayo, 105, defeated Bonny Abas, 109, in 4.

▶I wish thru this column to express our everlasting gratitude to Congressman Serafin Salvador for sponsoring the Republic Act 1373 which exempts the Philippine Sportswriters Association from all taxes in our yearly boxing promotions for the benefit of the destitude and disabled fighters of yesteryears. To Don Manolo Elizalde for advancing our expenses in our two years promotions and to the Executives of the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation for the use of the coliseum and to the Manila Police Department under Lt. Antonio Paralejas for their maintaining peace and order at the gates.

GERMAN BOXING DIARY
By J. A. Tree

BERLIN: MAX RESCH, STUTTGART MIDDLEWEIGHT, WON ON POINTS over Tuzo Portuguez, Costa Rica.

Peter Muller, Cologne middleweight, defeated Manuel Correa, Spain, in an eight rounder. Butje Wohlers, Hamburg middleweight, won his thirteenth fight in just as many starts, outpointing Francis Frances, Spain, over eight rounds.

Erich Scoppner, Witten, won his eighth bout and remained undefeated, stopping Horst Herold, Braunschweig, in three. All of his fights have ended inside the distance.

The show was promoted by Joachim Gottert before a crowd of over 5,000.

▶Essen: Hans Ducree, Essen, kayoed Heinrich Bock, Dusseldorf welterweight, in the first round.

Hans Ganfuss, Essen outscored Costa Stratui, Greece, over six rounds of a lightweight contest. Albert Westpahl, Hamburg, kayoed Hans Drabes, Essen heavyweight, in the sixth.

Hans Kalbfell, Hagen heavyweight, kayoed Hans Brendemuhr, Hamburg, in the second. Karlheinz Guder, Herford, won on points in six over Herbert Soodman, Essen middleweight. Joe Buck, Bochum, drew in six with Kurt Krahnen, Dulken lightweight.

A crowd of 2,000 attended the show.

▶Hamburg: Jack Subero, Trinidad cruiserweight, won in six over Karlheinz Bucher, Essen.

Oswald Buttner, Frankfort heavyweight, drew in six with Horst Herold, Brainschweig. Uwe Janssen, Hamburg cruiserweight, halted Winfried Henne, Dortmund, Hans Drabes, Essen heavyweight, won in six over Heinz Lemm, Gevelsberg. Albert Westphal, Hamburg heavyweight, lost to Erwin Hack, Hamburg.

A crowd of 1,200 was in attendance.

▶Dortmund: Hans Kalbfell, Hagen heavyweight, stopped Werner Wiegand, Dortmund, in two rounds.

Cruiser Willi Besmanhoff, Berlin, won his eleventh fight this year, outpointing Don Ellis, USA, in eight rounds. Karlheinz Guder, Herford, who has lost one of his thirteen starts, halted the Austrian middleweight champion, Leo Starosch, who retired at the end of the fourth round.

Karl Grobner, Bochum, was stopped in two by Hans Strelecki, Dortmund. Heinz Klein, Rastatt, halted lightweight champion

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LEONARD'S FOUL PUNCH

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reached behind Patsy and hit Britton while he was down. Haley promptly disqualified Benny.

This was the oddest feature of the bout. Leonard, cool and calculating, was not one to "lose his head" and hit an opponent while he was down. Benny, of course, tried to make his action seem legitimate. He argued strenuously, with proper gestures, that Britton was not down, that his knee was off the canvas. But the decision stood; Britton had won on a foul.

What prompted Leonard's strange behavior? It was the only time in his brilliant career that he won or lost a bout on a disqualification. Could Benny have sensed that the aging and tiring Britton would have difficulty surviving another two and a half rounds, that a delicate situation called for immediate and drastic measures? When Britton sank to the canvas from a punch that didn't seem to have much power behind it, Leonard had to act quickly, and a disqualification offered a logical "out".

ELEVENTH ROUND TELLTALE FOR BOTH ARGUMENTS

What with one thing and another, the bout was not a very creditable one in so far as Leonard was concerned. He failed to display the speed and pace and punching power he had shown in previous encounters in New York. Britton, on the other hand, outdid himself, at 37. Leonard came into the ring a 3 to 1 favorite.

Those who maintain that the fight was waged and decided on its merits, point to the eleventh round for evidence of its bona fides.

Oddly enough, those who insist that Leonard fouled Britton intentionally point to that very same round as indicative of what they regard as the undoubted fact that Benny did not want to stop Jack.

Let us examine the blow by blow story of that eleventh;—

"The men went into a clinch. Leonard hooked a left to the jaw which spun Britton around. They sparred and Leonard again hooked one to the jaw and then crossed with a right to the jaw, which almost floored Britton.

"After sparring at long range, Leonard sent Britton reeling against the ropes with a left to the jaw. The crowd was wild and yelled for Leonard to finish his opponent.

"Leonard was slow in taking advantage of the opportunity and Britton quickly recovered. Britton missed a left hook to the face. Leonard forced Jack to the ropes with a shower of rights and lefts just before the bell."

FLEISCHER'S BOOK DAMNS BEN WITH FAINT PRAISE

In his book **"Leonard the Magnificent"**, Nat Fleischer, editor and publisher of The Ring Magazine, refuses to come out point blank with a finger of suspicion. However, he damns Ben with faint praise, to wit, Page 60;—

"Britton showed surprisingly good form and appeared to be the winner at the time the foul blow was struck. Benny's performance was somewhat disappointing. He failed to show his usual brilliance.

"Perhaps it was due to the fact that he had put on weight for this bout."

(Note;—Leonard's weight was announced as 139¼ and Britton's 146¼.)

"He (Leonard) was too careful and cautious throughout the contest, almost to a point of timidity and he lost many glowing chances to demonstrate his hitting power at the expense of the welterweight king.

"There were times when Leonard stunned Britton, notably with powerful right crosses or left hooks to the jaw, which sent the welterweight champion reeling about the ring. But invariably Leonard hesitated in following up what appeared to be a big advantage, and the crowd seemed to sense that he wasn't trying to win the bout.

"At times, after he had Britton going, he missed punches that carried damaging power, and Britton was enabled to recover his equilibrium whenever danger threatened."

BRITTON TOOK SEVEN OF FIRST 12 ROUNDS

According to Fleischer, Britton won seven of the first dozen rounds. He continues;

"In the sixth, seventh and eighth rounds Leonard discarded his caution and carried the fight to his opponent at a rapid rate.

"In the eleventh, after the crowd had razzed Benny for not following up an advantage he had gained by crashing a hard blow to Britton's jaw, Leonard opened up and seemed bent on scoring a knockout.

"He almost succeeded in crushing Britton under the power of his blows in a furious two-handed assault which had the welterweight champion reeling and the crowd in a frenzy of excitement.

"The lightweight champion, however, deliberated too long as to what course to pursue and Britton quickly recovered. He came back so thoroughly that he outpointed Leonard in the twelfth. In the thirteenth, up to the time of the foul, the honors were about even."

What's Nat's over-all conclusion? He leaves the answer for the future to provide.

Now, then, what is that answer? Does the evidence point to a deliberate foul? Does it indicate that Benny wanted Britton to keep the welter title?

Or is there room for doubt, and the conclusion that Leonard, behind on points, actually did lose his head and perpetrate a foul without meaning to do so?

This court hands down this decision;—**Guilty of deliberate foul.**

What is your verdict?

NEWS OF THE MAT WORLD

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Along with brother Mike, the Sharpes hold the World heavyweight tag championship.

Wrestling fans along the coast are invited to submit their votes for the "Most Popular Wrestler to Show on the West Coast in 1956" contest which will begin the minute this issue hits the newstands. My address: Ed Briggs, 4510 North Arthur, Fresno 5, Calif. The winner will be announced in this column in the February, 1957 issue.

NEWS FROM WINNIPEG BY CY LOUTH

Raw eggs and weiners bombarded a Winnipeg ring when the notorious Jap tag team of Mr. Moto, 243 and Mr. Hito, 238, scored a doubtful victory over the gruesome Germans, Fritz Von Erich, 270, and his pal in villianry, Karl Von Schoberg, 265.

It was one of the roughest wrestling shows staged by promoter Alex Turk, and thousands milled about outside the Civic Auditorium, unable to gain admittance.

If referees Jack Morgan, Minneapolis and Harold Nelson of Winnipeg had abided by the rule book, the Japs would probably have been disqualified. For it was no less than a handful of salt thrown into Von Schoberg's eyes, and then rubbed into both his and his partner's blinkers for good measure that ended the bout in favor of the Orientals. And the crowd didn't care, for it is a toss up as to who are the most hated—the Germans or the Japs.

It took only six minutes for the natives of the land of the Rising Sun to put the pin on scowling Fritz Von Erich. They did it the hard way, too, and the glaring German took more punishment than ever before in a Winnipeg ring. But he gamely retaliated four minutes later and with the aid of Von Schoberg, had Mr. Moto momentarily crippled up.

From then on the Japs pulled out all stops and ran rampant. While one of the J-boys held Karl against the ropes,

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ROCKY MARCIANO PRIVATE CITIZEN

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of a winning dog.

Marciano's investments bring him in between $10,000 and $15,000 a year. He owns his own home, valued at $40,000, in Brockton, and he is still in demand on TV and personal appearances. After his stint with Skelton on the Coast, he did a bit on the Walter Winchell show in New York. From such activities he should pick up about $35,000 in his first year of retirement.

In Weill's place, to all outward appearances, is Jack Worst, a diamond merchant from Dayton, Ohio. Wherever you see Rocky, Jack is always at his elbow ready to pick up the check.

Marciano continues to enjoy popularity. Last summer a Toronto newspaper paid him a fat fee to report the Moore-James J. Parker fight, billed throughout Canada as for the "world heavyweight championship." Marciano showed up at the ringside in a white dinner jacket.

He was just another reporter until the fight was over. On leaving the Maple Leaf Stadium he suddenly became a celebrity again. He was mobbed by well wishers seeking autographs, his clothes were messed.

"It was worse than the night I knocked out Moore in Yankee Stadium," Marciano said. He was forgetting that in the Stadium he had the protection of New York policemen, assigned to guard a champion who was performing at his trade.

In Toronto no one expected the fans to swarm over him, as they did, and no arrangements were made to give him police protection.

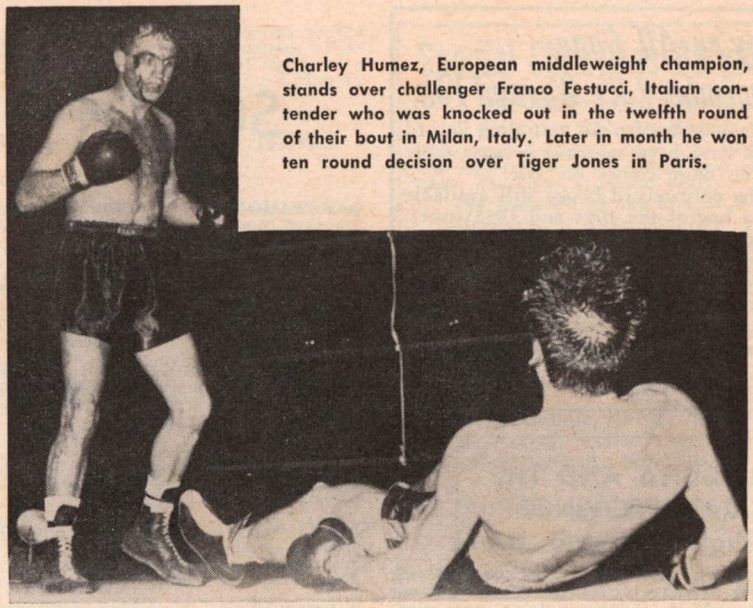
The same thing almost happened, although in a minor way, when Marciano took a seat in the working press section at the Carmen Basilio-Johnny Saxton world welterweight title fight at Syracuse. There was a rush of autograph seekers.

HOW LONG WILL THIS CROWD ADULATION CONTINUE?

How long will it last As Jimmy Walker once observed: *"The cheers of yesterday have faint echoes."* Of course Rocky's position is unique. He not only retired undefeated, but also without ever having lost a professional fight. The record is 49 for 49, and unless he changes his mind about fighting again, nothing can alter it.

In Washington, D. C., recently Marciano repeated his vow never to fight again. He was being honored by the Lido Civic Club, an organization of business men of Italian descent, as the **"Man of the Year."**

Marciano also received the **"star of solidarity"** from the Italian ambassador. This was the first time the honor had been conferred on any one outside the Italian government. It was also a prelude to a proposed tour of Italy by the retired heavyweight champion. Rocky and his wife Barbara made a similar State Department sponsored tour of South America shortly before he announced his retirement.



Charley Humez, European middleweight champion, stands over challenger Franco Festucci, Italian contender who was knocked out in the twelfth round of their bout in Milan, Italy. Later in month he won ten round decision over Tiger Jones in Paris.

Barbara was one of the reasons the Rock retired. Another was his daughter Mary Anne. When he was champion Rocky was either training or fighting. Now he is enjoying his home, and family life. He gets around the country enough to keep him interested and before the public, but there are long periods when he is in Brockton. He plays with his daughter, cuts up touches with old friends, and eats when and what he wants.

Marciano was always a big eater, but training as he did he burned up the excess food. Today it is settling in fat on his stocky frame, and if he were to change his mind about coming back, it would be a difficult task. It would take six months, at least, to get him into condition before he could think about sharpening his punches.

It would be a strenuous undertaking, but one others have tried for various reasons. James J. Jeffries, first heavyweight champion to retire, was talked into coming back six years later to fight Jack Johnson and **"redeem the prestige of the white race."** The result was inevitable. No such situation confronts Marciano in the more tolerant world of today.

Joe Louis retired too, only too return to fight Ezzard Charles. Again the result was inevitable. Louis needed money to pay his debts, including income taxes. Marciano appears to be in good condition financially.

Gene Tunney was the exception. When he retired undefeated it was for good. Marciano can profit from Tunney's example.

Still the cynics say Rocky will fight again, once his contract with Weill expires in July. He is sure to get a six figure offer to fight the new champ, and it will be hard to resist. He is only 33, Bob Fitzsimmons was 35 and Walcott 37 when they won the title.

Marciano is going to feel the pressure, but in resisting it he will have the support of his wife, his mother and his father. They are all happy the Rock is retired. They want him to stay that way.

(Rocky Marciano, retired fighter, citizen, father, husband,– is having a fine time and there is no wolf at the door).

MARCIANO COMING BACK?

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FIFTH NEGRO CHAMPION, JACK JOHNSON WAS FIRST

Of course, if Marciano by some chance were to come back, it would not be as champion. He would have to do so in the role of a challenger.

It was as a challenger that Joe Louis met Ezzard Charles, and Jim Jeffries encountered Jack Johnson.

The heavyweight title now has a Negro incumbent for the fifth time, previous holders of that race having been Johnson, Louis, Charles, and Jersey Joe Walcott.

It will be recollected by the Old Guard that after Johnson had become the undisputed title holder, we ran into a thing called the White Hope era.

White fighters were produced out of truck drivers, plumbers, college kids and counter hoppers. Out of this mill came Jess Willard, who succeeded Johnson.

The way things shape up, we are going to have a Negro as heavyweight champion for some years to come. Negro or white, it doesn't matter, just so long as the title is in capable, clean hands.

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SOUTH OF THE BORDER

LA LAGUNA AND THE MEXICAN PROVINCE

By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

WE CERTAINLY HAD A GOOD BOXING MONTH AROUND HERE. Three of our four top boys confirmed their own class against foreign opposition. These gallant fighters were Chino Saavedra who kayoed Americo Rivera, German Ohm whipping Joe Becerra, and Alfonso Flores who took revenge of Gabriel Barragan, the tough Mexico City middleweight.

▶ARENA OLIMPICA. Gómez Palacio:—Ernesto Castañeda, 119, Mexico City, decisioned Rogelio Saucedo, 121, after ten fast rounds. Ramón Cervantes, 122, a local newcomer, stopped Bartolomé "Baby" Martínez, 119, in the third. Luis "Chivo" Díaz, 135, knocked out Kid Tabaco, 137, also in three rounds.

▶PLAZA DE TOROS, Torreón:—Humberto "Hamlet" Carrillo, 127, La Laguna, and Manuel Armenteros, 126, Cuba, had a 10-round fancy-dress ball to get a draw. The fans booed the fight. In the scored 10-round semi, Indian Ortega, 127, stopped veteran Benny Peralta, 126, in the sixth. Daladier Urista, 138, easily outpointed Chino Colonia (Ruben Ibarra), 145, in eight rounds.

▶ARENA OLYMPICA, Gómez Palacio:—After 4 rounds of a brutal fight, Cesar "Chino" Saavedra, 130, landed a left hook to Américo Rivera's jaw to send the 128 pound boy to sleep in the fifth round. A great triumph for The Chino. Joe Castañeda, 145, the Bronco from Fresnillo, merrily whipped Jesse Herrera, 154, to get a very clear 10-round decision.

▶ARENA OLIMPICA, Gómez Palacio:—The fans packed the house to see Germán Ohm, 116, THE RING No. 9 bantamweight of the world, giving a boxing lesson to flashy Joe Becerra, 117. Of course, the unanimous decision was for this Germán boy, who showed great class against his previous conqueror. (Becerra TKO'd Ohm on March 22). Antonio "Zorrito" Ramírez, 131, had to work very hard to get a 9-round kayoe over aggressive Luis Oranday, 132. Luis "Chivo" Díaz, 135, was most unfortunate in his scheduled 8-rounder with Rudy Rodríguez, 137, for after being well ahead on points, he accidentally butted his foe in the second round to be disqualified by the referee.

▶PLAZA DE TOROS, Torreón:—Humberto Carrillo, 127, scored a 4 round knockout over unknown Raúl Rivera, 129. Felipe Sosa, 128, smashed Chuy Macías, 131, in the sixth round. Chino Colonia (Rubén Ibarra), 140, iced José "Azúcar" Rangel, 136, in six.

▶PLAZA DE TOROS, Torreón:—Alfonso Flores, 148, floored Gabriel Barragán, 156, five times with left hooks to the body, right crosses to the chin and bloodied his foe's eyebrows. In the sixth round Barragán went to the ten-second sleep. Flores looked great and the fight certainly pleased the fans. Felipe Sosa, 128, kayoed Jesse Mendoza, 131, in five rounds. Veteran Domingo Hidalgo, 137, started his comeback campaign by getting the 8-round duke over youngster Libe Zavala, 135.

▶LOS MOCHIS:—Everardo Armenta, 143, easily decisioned Manuel "Toro" Rocha, 145, La Laguna, after ten rounds.

▶ACAPULCO:—Mario Ruiz, 117, won a decision over Chuy Guerrero, 119, in ten rounds. Chiquis Rosales, 114, also decisioned Guillermo González, 115, in eight.

▶MATAMOROS:—Paco Quiñones, 119, was knocked out by Chuy Mejía, 120, in the second round of a scheduled tener.

▶GUADALAJARA:—Rudy Coronado, 117, a lion in his Guadalajara town, iced Luis Gutiérrez, 118, Mexico City, in four rounds. Henry Macías, 123, stopped Joe Herrera, 124, in the fourth.

▶ACUNA:—Albino Treviño, 127, knocked out Polaquito López, 130, Cuban, in three rounds. Panchito Bolaños, 133, beat Rudy Martínez, 135, in eight.

▶MONTERREY:—Angel Guerrero, 127, bested Julio Escobedo, 128, in ten. Raúl Leaños, 116, La Laguna, embalmed Baby Sandoval, 118, in six rounds.

▶ACAPULCO:—Chucho Kid Tello, 116, outpointed Arturo "Babe" Ruiz, 119, in ten rounds. Alvaro Collado, 123, stopped Aurelio Rivero, 125, in eight.

▶OBREGON:—Everardo Armenta, 144, halted Eddie Rivera, 141, in three rounds.

▶LOS MOCHIS:—Arnold Hill, 137, the Sonora's mauler, scored a very valuable kayo triumph when he floored Héctor Gareía, 133, La Laguna, for the 10-second count in the 5th round.

▶LA PAZ:—Aztequita Sonorense, 127, was too much hitter for Johnny González, 129, and nailed his foe in the early second round.

▶PUEBLA:—Manuel Armenteros, 124, Cuban darky, convincingly outpointed Kid Campeche, 125, after ten well-fought rounds.

▶ACAPULCO:—Joaquín Carrillo, 127, surprised everybody when he bested hard favorite Raúl Solís, 128, in 10 rolls. Toro Padilla, 115, surpassed Nacho Escalante, 117, in eight.

▶MONTERREY:—Luciano González, 140, scored a technical knockout over Fidel Lucero, 132, La Laguna, in seven rounds.

▶GUADALAJARA:—The rain stopped the scheduled tener main event between Reyes López, 130, and Bom Bom Kiriz, 127, in the fourth round. So, the decision had to be a draw. The 10-round semi was fought also under the rain drops, but the match finished with a TKO in the seven; Henry Macías, 125, the winner, and Heliodoro Hernández, 126, as the victim. Both matches, the main and the semi, were fought with the four boys having their shoes taken off. Barefooted boxing, as you can see.

▶MATAMOROS:—David Rodríguez, 129, got the duke over Martín "Baby" Vázquez, 127, in ten rounds. Veteran Fidel Hernández, 143, stopped Mike Coronado, 139, in the seventh.

▶OBREGON:—Arnold Hill, 137, and Everardo Armenta, 141, the two colossus of the Sonora boxing were put face to face at last. The winner, by a very split margin, was Hill. Of course, it was a ten-rounder.

▶ACAPULCO:—Percy Lightburn, 128, British Honduras, and kid brother of ranked Lude Lightburn, was most unfortunate in his Mexico debut, when Trini Ruiz, 129, stopped him in seven rounds.

▶HERMOSILLO:—Raúl "Ratón" Macías, 121, NBA Bantam World Champ, certainly had a picnic when he was matched against Héctor "Chango" Ceballos, 125, and of course, The Mighty Mouse iced the guy in four rounds. Macías got 25,000 Mexican pesos for this performance.

▶MONTERREY:—Raúl Leaños, 116, kid brother of Old Juan, got a very valuable triumph by beating Mexico City topnotcher Chucho Kid Tello, 116, in ten fast rounds.

BOXING IN YUCATAN

By Eduardo Amer G

▶**DZIDZANTUN, YUC.: Felipe "Babalu" Novelo,** 126, stopped Felix "Ray" Mancilla, 127, of Mexico City, in 6 rounds.

▶DZIDZANTUN, YUC.: Cubanito Gonzalez, 117, decisioned Chucho Hernandez, 118, of Tabasco, in 8.

▶DZIDZANTUN, YUC.: Negrito Medina, 114, had a comfortable points win over Luis Miranda, 115, in eight rounds.

▶DZIDZANTUN, YUC.: Felipe "Babalu" Novelo, 126, won unanimous decision over Ramon "Chuli" Carrillo, 128, in eight.

▶DZIDZANTUN, YUC.: Peter Zapata, 112, was a clear-points winner over Joe Quijano, 113, at the end of eight rounds.

▶VERA CRUZ: Rafael "Pico" Solis, 139, whipped Jose Eduardo Quijano, 140, in 8 rounds. Both are from Yucatan.

▶GUAYMAS, SON.: Julio Cesar Jimenez, 145, kayoed Chamaco Ortiz, 143, in the fifth.

▶MAZATLAN, SIN.: Julio Cesar Jimenez, 146, outboxed Jose Luis Lopez, 156, in ten.

BOXING IN ENSENADA

By R. Cuevas

MEMO ESQUEDA, 127, CLEVER BOXER, knocked down in the third, fought his way back with a sharp left and straight right to stop Tigrillo Vargas, 129, in the seventh.

In an 8 rounder, Felix "Pelón" Cervantes, 126, kept his record clean here, defeating Mike Rios, 124, who gave a brave fight.

Jorge Gonzalez, 125, stopped Gil Cota, 122, in the third. Ruso Rodriguez, 124, knocked down Nando Bernardino, 125, three times in the third, and Roberto Sanavia, 107, kayoed Alvaro Ortiz, 111, in two.

▶Dave Cochran of San Diego and Jimmy Roberts engaged in a main event which nearly started a riot. In the second round Roberts went down without apparently being hit. The fans set off an indignant uproar. The Commission fined both fighters $110.

The main event hurt the promoter but the rest of the show was a good one.

Pedro Lopez of Puerto Rico stopped Sandy Alvarez of Mexicali in three rounds. Aurelio Delgado and Baby Sale drew in six. Caracol Hernandez, 126, local Golden Gloves champion, won a four round decision over Gil Costa, 124. Liborio Hurtafo, 112, defeated Henry Valdez, 117, in four.

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY

By Selsso Tiborro

For the second time, Roberto Garcia, 128, a good prospect, outpointed Roy Hernandez, 127, a quite more experienced enemy, in 10. Roberto Ortega, 127, stopped Enrique Bolanos, 125, in the first three minutes of the ten-round semi final. Jorge Salazar, 115, decisioned Manuel Rojas, 118, in 8. Rosendo Martinez, 124, stopped Mario Villafuerte, 125, in 4. Serafin Castro, 125, outpointed Juan Valdes, 126, in 4.

▶Ricardo "Pajarito" Moreno, 127, hardly needed three rounds to stop Billy Evans, 122, California, in the ten-round star bout. Moreno is no longer a bantamweight and fans wondered whether he continued being the powerful puncher. Billy looked frightened before Ricardo and he can tell you Moreno has retained his punch. Joe Medel, 114, iced Cheto Fernandez, 118, also in the third round. Carlos Arregui, 133, decisioned Juan Lemus, 132, in 8. Alvaro Collado, 123, stopped Cachorro Meza, 125, in the last chapter of their six-round match. Mike Mendoza, 133, drew with Chatito Alvarez, 136, in 4.

▶Luis Gutierrez, 116, disposed of Ricardo Manzanillo, 119, in 6. Memo Baltazares, 127, iced Luis Espinosa, 131, in 6. Chucho Alarcon, 118, stopped Daniel Romero, 117, in 5. Pedro Ugalde, 116, outpointed Memo Gonzalez, 118, in 6. Gume Rodriguez, 119, stopped Lauro Villa, 117, in 3.

▶Victor "Sonny" Leon, 126, Venezuela, and ninth in THE RING'S feather ranking, and Kid Anahuac, 125, drew in 10. The decision was considered an outrage by the local press and the Mexico City Boxing Commission had to revoke it in Leon's favor. Beto Gonzalez, 134, knocked out Carlos Barragan, 134, in 8. Chino Gomez, 133, knocked out Fernando Ugalde, 133, in 5. Eduardo Guerrero, 117, stopped Americo Rodriguez, 118, in 3. Chango Samaniego, 119, decisioned Nicolas Barba, 118, in 4.

▶Ubaldo Ramirez, 135, decisioned Manuel Beltran, 135, in 10. Roberto Razo, 127, outpointed Jorge Gabiño, 124, in 10. Chebo

Vazquez, 127, stopped Goyo Campos, 126, in 6. Anastasio Navarrete, 118, iced Pepe Acevedo, 114, in 1. Jose Santillan, 145, stopped Maleno Cruz, 145, in 1.

▶ Babe Vazquez, 135, national lightweight champion, decisioned Red Top Davis, 134, Connecticut, in 10. In the semi final, Roberto Garcia, 123, stopped Collier Tommy Cox, 124, Arizona, in 7. Lalo Camarena, 125, stopped Luis Bautista, 122, in 5. Nacho Dominguez, 123, iced Aurelio Mora, 126, in 4. Chano Juarez, 108, stopped Albino Flores, 108, in 1.

▶ Enrique "Mofles" de la Cruz, 127, decisioned Memo Baltazares, 125, in 10. Miguel Garcia, 116, outpointed Chuy Guerrero, 117, in 10. Armando Mandujano, 145, and Joe Vazquez, 143, drew in 8. Lalo Contreras, 127, only needed one minute and 21 seconds to stop Jose Vega, 124, in the six-round prem. Chucho Arreola, 117, stopped Gume Rodriguez, 117, in 2.

▶ Jesse Bogart, 138, stopped Alvaro Gutierrez, 138, in 6. Ernesto Castaneda, 117, decisioned Luis Gutierrez, 117, in 10. Gabriel Navarro, 125, outpointed Beto Rodriguez, 127, in 8. Toño Coria, 125, stopped Carlos Montes, 127, in 4. Delfino Caudillo, 132, stopped Ramon Martinez, 136, in 3.

▶ Jose Luis Mora, 119, stopped Joe Medel, 112, in the eighth round of probably the most exciting fight of the month. Medel dropped Mora twice in the second, but Mora got up with a determination to win and he certainly succeeded. Nacho Escalante, 117, stopped Pepe Chavarria, 115, in 7. Nacho was too much for Pepe. Delfino Martinez, 108, stopped Negro Alvarado, 106, two seconds before the end of the match in the eighth round. Roberto Mar, 116, stopped Juan Ayala, 114, in 2. Antonio Barragan, 130, outpointed Juanito Uribe, 125, in 4.

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BOXING IN JUAREZ
By Manuel Prieto

CHEBO HERNANDEZ, 157½, JUAREZ, smashed a terrific right-cross to the chin of Woody Winslow, 158½, Los Angeles, winning by K.O. in the fifth round. Chebo, the uncrowned middleweight champion of Mexico, showed again that his actual form is magnificent. This was his fifth consecutive win by K.O.

Ramon Rodriguez, 126½, Juarez, and Alfonso Mendoza, 124½, Juarez, put up a terrific fight which ended in a draw. Both young and talented boys, finished strong and had the fans on their feet at the end.

Ray Terrazas, 147½, El Paso, won in a so-so fight by decision over Baby Romero, 150, Los Angeles.

Marcelino Vargas, 135½, El Paso, won decision over Pedro Perez, 137½, Juarez, 4.

Memo Leaños, 128½, Torreon, won by K.O. in the last round over Elodio Pereyra, 126½, Juarez. This four round fight was terrific, a real thriller.

JUAREZ MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM: Gilberto Holquin, 144½, El Paso, had his hands full winning a split decision over well conditioned and brave Ray Perez, 149, El Paso. Holguin, the favorite, had to come in the last two rounds in a fury in order to grab an unpopular decision. Perez fought gamely and got the applause of the fans.

Roberto Hernandez, 125½, Chihuahua City, got the nod over Baby Rodriguez, 126, Juarez, in a sweet up-set. This one was a very fast and good six round semifinal.

Andy Hernandez, 123½, El Paso, showed that he is ready for better competition, whipping Rodrigo Dueñas, 122½, Torreon, in a very fast six-round special event.

Jesus Lopez, 130, Juarez, and Rogelio Cortes, 128½, Juarez, put up a terrific four round draw. Sergio Farias, 119, Mexico City, made his pro debut a sensational, winning over Francisco Davila, 121, Juarez. Farias has a wallop but he is still very green.

JAMAICA BOXING
By Ken Jones

JAMAICA'S CHAMPION WELTERWEIGHT, GERALD GRAY, has now become almost indisputable king of the British West Indies. After trouncing Hugh Serville of Trinidad, he pounded out a close win over Rudolph Bent of British Honduras and scored more convincingly when rematched with the Honduran. Gray is yet to meet Caleb Greaves of Barbados and Ivelaw Stephenson of British Guiana, but observers are already convinced that the Jamaican can take these two warriors in his stride. That, however, is left to be seen.

▶ Joe Bygraves, heavyweight champion of the British Empire, plans to return to his homeland in February on vacation. Promoters are hoping that he will agree to a match and give his own home folks a glimpse of his ability.

ARUBA, N.W.I. RING NEWS
By Jimmy Lambert

Sam Langford, 158, Aruba, top contender for the Netherlands West Indies middleweight crown, took a big stride forward towards a championship match with Sugar Boy Nando when he easily decisioned O'Neill Richardson, 161, French St. Martin middleweight champion, after ten hard fought rounds in the main event of Promoter Steffanie's boxing card at the Swingsters Square Garden.

Kid Fenton, 154, Aruba, showed too much power and experience for Buddy Baer, 159, St. Martin, with the result that Baer could not continue in the fifth round.

Kid Telefonito, 138, Aruba, made it two in a row when he knocked out Dakota Terror, 133, Aruba, in 2:43 of the third round. Kid Zorzal, 155, Aruba, outboxed and outclassed Kid Ponche, 155, Aruba, in a very one-sided contest to win the decision in another 6-rounder.

In the opening 4-rounder, El Negrito del Batey, 145, Aruba, scored an upset in winning a very close decision over Epifanio Dania, 142, Aruba.

▶ The writer would like to hear directly from some good welterweights and middleweights who would like to obtain some action in Aruba and Venezuela during the coming winter months. Send all particulars including ring record and photo to the above writer, c/o Esso Post Office Box 212, Aruba, Netherlands West Indies.

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SUGAR HART ANOTHER SUGAR RAY?

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pened then than later because now we're on our way. Hart got careless and got tagged."

Brenner, who had lauded Hart to the skies, was happy that his judgment was vindicated. Teddy still remains the enthusiast supreme of the game.

"This kid right now can fight any welterweight in the business, from Carmen Basilio down. He's the greatest prospect since Ray Rabinson," Brenner exuberated.

Stein agrees with Teddy, naturally, but Marty said he is in no hurry to rush his prodigy.

"We've sweated out 2½ years trying to get up there and we're not going to spoil everything in a hurry," he said. *"We're ready to move but we'll go fight by fight. I'm sure I've got a champion in the making and I think a lot of other fellows agree with me."*

Marty is 100 per cent correct. If Sugar doesn't grab off a title within the next two years, a lot of the experts and pros of the game will toss out their crystal balls for keeps.

Take little Allie Stolz, for example. In the '40s, Allie was one of the best lightweights in a busy and outstanding division. He was rated one of the finest boxers, a classic stylist, of all time.

"I only wish that I could have boxed as well as he did at the same stage," said Allie after watching Sugar's debut."

Brenner interjected *"Allie, you were a great boxer."*

"Yes, I know," said Allie, *"but he can not only box but he can knock you dead."*

"NEXT RAY ROBINSON" GRAZIANO CALLS HART

"He's great, real great," exclaimed Rocky Graziano, the ex-middleweight champ turned actor. *"He's a helluva fighter . . . the next Ray Robinson. What I like about him is the many ways he throws punches, especially that uppercut. I'm glad I don't have to fight him."*

George Gainford, an authority on Robinson, was quick to notice the fighting resemblance to his meal-ticket, too.

"He hits just as hard going back or sideways as he does moving in," said Gainford.

As anyone in the trade knows, that's something few experienced fighters can do.

"He fights like the Robinson of a decade ago," said Lester Bromberg, the World-Telegram and Sun's fistic authority. *"He hits like Robinson, past or present, and if he has any faults, someone other than the normally tough Earl Dennis will have to bring them out."*

"It's not often that a brand new fighter flashes the way the young man from the Main Line did last night. And, when he stowed Earl Dennis away in three at the ancient St. Nicks he caused a tremendous turmoil in fistic promotional circles," said Caswell Adams, the Journal American's seven card, high-low professor.

"Sugar Hart was as good as his press clippings. He's a comer," summed up Al Buck, the wallop wizard of the Post.

Hart's smash debut was the kind of a show that the veteran fans ate up. Not since Robinson has anyone come up with such combined boxing and punching ability. The oldtimers were quick to point out to the youngsters that here was a fighter *"like they had in the old days."* It was a revelation for the average TV viewer.

It was no surprise, though to the fans who saw Hart sweep to the National AAU 132-pound title and the *"outstanding fighter"* award at Boston in 1954. Hart racked up four straight knockouts, requiring less than two full rounds each time.

In the final, against veteran Norman Johnson of Milwaukee, Sugar was dropped in the first round by a left hook and right uppercut to the chin. He bounced off the canvas, chased Johnson all over the ring, scored a dozen rapid fire blows, and draped Johnson over the ropes. The referee called it off at 2:16 of the first round.

"Sweet as sugar," the fans said. They said the same thing about Robinson years ago. That's how both were dubbed "sugar." There's a lot of sugar awaiting the new Sugar Man of boxing.

As we go to press Hart has his big chance. He will go into the ring to prove that he is a better man than Hector Constance, the Trinidad cutie. Some of the older heads are watching how the youngster handles himself in this one . . . they reserve judgment on his likeness to Robinson until they see how the Philadelphia lad meets this trial. They opine that if he gets over this one he may go all the way.

FROM OUR READERS

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getting old; after all, look at Walcott and Moore. Robinson is young compared to those two. If you'll take time to look at his last two fights you couldn't tell by those two that he's getting old.

This is the same man that I've read a number of times in your Ring, before he retired the first time, was the greatest fighter pound for pound that ever lived. You sure have short memories.

You say the question is, can Robinson go fifteen rounds, but the real question is, can Fullmer go fifteen, that is with Robinson?

Ted Brown,
Asheville, North Carolina

NO SUGAR FOR ME

I'm writing this letter in behalf of myself and friends who are avid followers of the boxing game. The gripe is; "Where does Ray Robinson, the current middleweight champ, deserve to be champ?" For a couple of years since his retirement good middleweight boys, and even welterweights were fighting their hearts out to get a shot at the middleweight crown and didn't. Then Robinson decides to come out of retirement and he gets a title fight. What happened when he fought a little better boy named "Tiger Jones?" Where did that get Jones?

Robert Fierstein
Brooklyn, N. Y.

LET'S WRESTLE

In regard to a letter published in the Sept. issue of Ring, which started out something like this (Female wrestling is a ridiculous spectacle and a travesty to a once honorable sport) and went on to say that a 115 lb. schoolgirl could pin any or practically any pro. I think anyone who would say such a thing surely just wants to blow and doesn't know what he is talking about. I would like to ask Mr. P. J. Richards if he would have the nerve to get in the ring with Ada Ash? As she would tear him apart.

L. W. Sampson
Vincennes, Ind.

ANYTIME!

Dear Sir:

We are indeed grateful to you, also the entire staff of RING magazine, for the wonderful story used on our Fan Club Honorary, JIM GRABMIRE in the recent issue of your fine, newsy magazine.

Jim was very much pleased also, he is a swell guy, both inside and out of the ring. At the present he is touring the South, having stopped first in Tennessee. We are hoping for him a very successful campaign.

Our club is only nine months old, and we are gaining very rapidly, having at the present time around 85 members, coming from several different States, and some foreign, such as Africa, and Canada. We received our first honor last June, when our club won the attendance award at the 2nd Annual Fan Club Convention, the plaque was beautiful and we treasure it very much.

Mary Hasley
Marietta, Ohio

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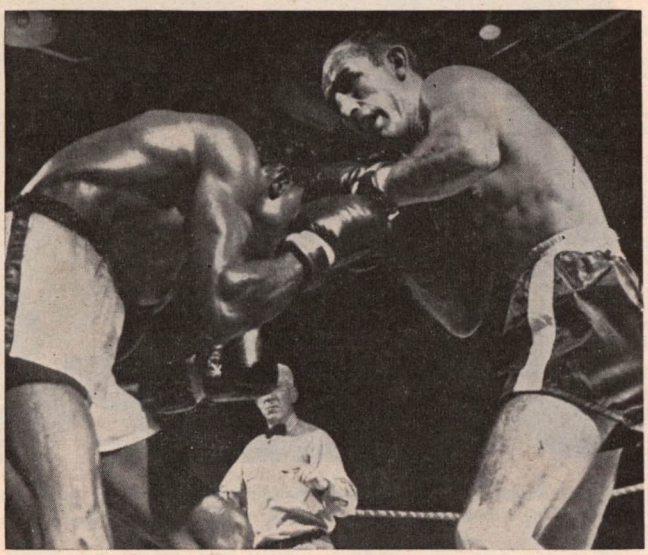
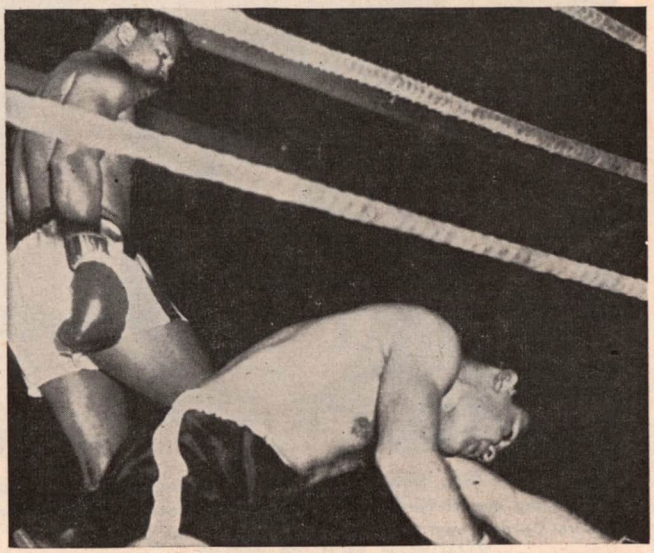


Paolo Rosi of Italy scores with a solid right to the head of Henry (Toothpick) Brown during their televised lightweight battle in Washington, D. C. Rosi stopped his rival in the eighth round.

SOME EASY SUGAR



World middleweight champion "Sugar Ray" Robinson tunes-up for his title bout with Gene Fullmer by sending Bob Provizzi to the canvas in the tenth and final round of their New Haven, Conn., bout. Ray waltzed to an easy victory.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By Billy Colbert

DON WELLER LOST HIS FIRST FIGHT IN QUITE SOME TIME in Omaha where he suffered a cut eye in a six round bout. The referee stopped the bout because Don suffered a severe cut over his left eye from bumping heads with his opponent.

Del Flanigan, St. Paul middleweight, is training for a busy fall season.

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Minneapolis and St. Paul boxing clubs are planning a lot of shows for the fall season. Jack Raleigh is the promoter in St. Paul, Tommy Anderson the matchmaker for the Mill City boxing club. Gene Connolly is one of his assistants and a very good trainer of fighters. He is the man that trained both of the Flanagans.

Neil Champagne, matchmaker for the Golden Gloves in Minneapolis, is a former St. Thomas College boxing coach. He was also a coach in the South Pacific during World War II. Has developed many upper Mid-West Golden Glove champions, both team and individual.

Boxing Coach Jimmy Eason of Minneapolis was in Kansas City Tournament with two very good boys, Bobby Christopherson and Bobby Jackson in the U.S. Olympic elimination tournament. Christopherson rallied from two knockdowns in the first round to take a decision over Ernest Waters, Fort Riley champion. His fine performance was a losing one against Ed Crook. Crook has had 167 bouts, scoring 101 knockouts. He is the 1956 tournament champ winner at Chicago. Bobby hurt him in the second round and with a little more experience should have won the bout.

LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS
By Eddie Beck

PROMOTER MANNY ALMEIDA OPENED THE FALL BOXING SEASON by presenting the high ranking classy Vince Martinez against Rinzi Nocero. Al Weill unveiled his newest heavyweight hope whom he hopes will do as well as Rocky Marciano, namely Solomon McTier.

▶R. I. Auditorium: Vince Martinez, 153, Paterson, stopped Rinzi Nocero, 153, Brooklyn, in the seventh round.

Joey Henderson, Providence, 165, stopped Pinky Almieda, 163, Bristol, in 4. Don Vincent, 149, stopped Fred Laninfa, 148, in 4, both from Providence. Solomon McTier, Montgomery, Ala., 195, kayoed Dennis McCann, 187, Hartford, 2. Charles Lopes, 195, New Bedford, stopped Mickey Moretti, 186, 1. Jimmy McGinnis, 134, Newark, stopped Tony Tavarres, 138, in 4.

R. I. Auditorium: Harold Gomes, 129, Providence, stopped Charley McGarrity, 127, Rahway, N. J., in the final round of a ten rounder.

Curtis Bruce, 159, Newark, stopped Pete Adams, 154, Newark, in the ninth due to a bad cut eye. Dick D'Orsey, 166, stopped Joey Henderson, 166, at the end of the fifth round. Dick notched himself a good win in his return to the ring. Young Armstrong, 132, stopped Al Duarte, 138, in 3. Don Vincent, Providence, beat Red Davis, Boston, in 4.

IN SYRACUSE RINGS
By Billy Shaw

JOE BASILIO, YOUNGER BROTHER OF THE CHAMPION, still in the amateurs, is another future prospect. Joe has been belting out his foes with regularity. Like Carmen, Joe likes to train He disposed of Eddie Howard, Buffalo scrapper in 35 seconds at Rochester. Joe is a lightweight.

▶Professional wrestling under Pedro Martinez got the season off to a good start here with the midget grapplers. Such boys as Little Beaver, Sky Low Low, Fuzzy Cupid, Lord Clayton Littlebrooke, Ivan the Terrible and other mighty mites have drawn big crowds here. Our dapper son, Billy Shaw, Jr., is promotion manager for Martinez' several wrestling clubs and is doing an excellent job for Pedro

▶Irving Robbins has one of the largest stables of boxers in Syracuse but his outstanding performer at the present time is the well built light-heavyweight hopeful, George Kartalian. George is well liked in Canada where he has turned in some good wins.

VIENNA BOXING
By Leo Vollnhofer

ROTTERDAM, HOLLAND: AUSTRALIAN MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPION LEO STAROSCH, now on the downgrade, suffered another setback on the hands of the talented Dutch middleweight Jo Lamers. Lamers had Starosch in a bad way in the second round prompting the referee to stop the fight then and there.

▶Luxembourg: Four of our fighters travelled to this little state and lost three bouts. The new Austrian light heavyweight champion, Alfons Kubes, was knocked out by Luxembourg's Jempy Bentz in the 3rd round. Australian heavyweight talent Louis Senn was disqualified in the 7th round of his fight against the vastly more experienced Werner Wiegand of Germany because of resorting to unfair tactics.

Austrian heavyweight newcomer Robert Bedrnik lost against Ady Biver of Luxembourg, six rounds.

Willi Swoboda, Austrian lightweight champ, chalked up the only victory outpointing the durable René Scheich of Luxembourg after eight lively rounds.

SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS
By Erie Moolman

WILLIE TOWEEL, THE SOUTH AFRICAN AND EMPIRE LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION, beat Georges Devoe, the Belgian champion, on a TKO in the tenth round at the Olympia Ice Rink, Johannesburg. It was not a spectacular bout and Toweel won every round from his awkward opponent. The bout exploded into action in the ninth and tenth rounds when Toweel rushed his man to the ropes and landed many telling blows. The referee then intervened and gave the fight to Toweel.

In the main supporting bout Ewie Vorster, the national welterweight champion, TKO'd Benny Nieuwenhuizen, the former titleholder, in the fourth round of a scheduled ten round non-title fight. The bout, however, ended in an unsatisfactory manner, Nieuwenhuizen being floored with an accidental low blow which the referee did not see. Up until then, Nieuwenhuizen, was leading clearly on points

▶At Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia, Johnny Arthur, the South African heavyweight champion, beat Gawie de Klerk on a TKO. The referee stopped the fight when de Klerk had his eye cut open.

In another exciting heavyweight bout, Colin Strauch beat Buddy Walker on points over six rounds.

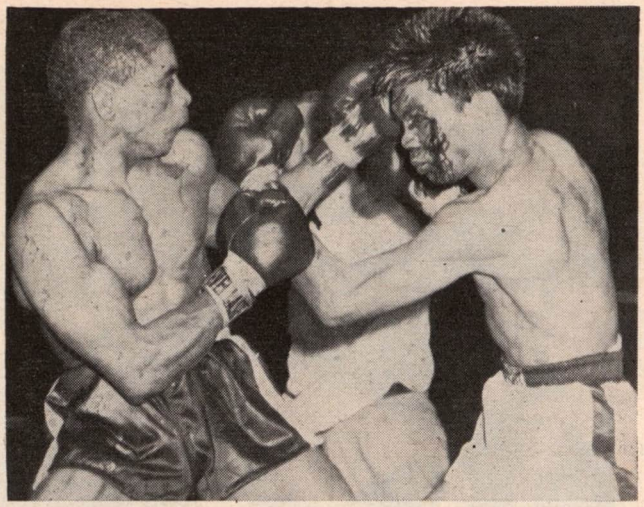
Franco Rossini, an Italian now resident in Salisbury, won an eight round decision over Hennie van Zyl. The swarthy Italian completely outclassed the South African. Ronnie Dean, a Pretoria bantamweight who has had only two professional fights, caused an upset by drawing with the South African bantamweight champion, Graham van der Walt, in a ten round catchweight bout. Dean was unlucky not to have won.

▶Franco Rossini of Italy beat Johnny van Rensburg on an unsatisfactory fifth round TKO in the Johannesburg City Hall. After being well ahead on points van Rensburg had to retire with a badly gashed left eyebrow.

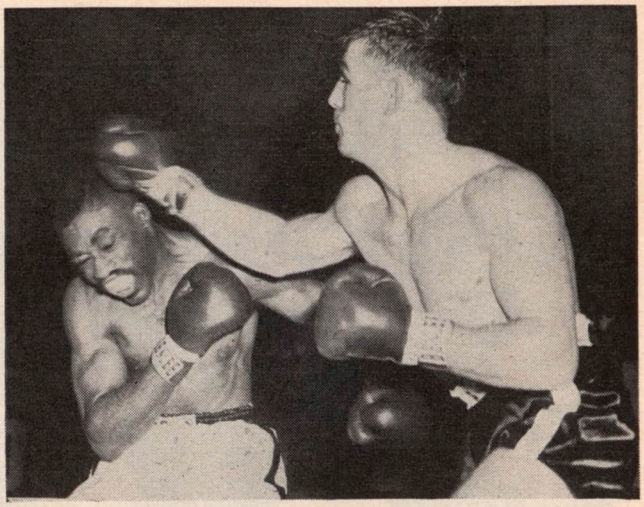
In the main supporting bout Mike Holt, the national middleweight champion, TKO'd Jan Scheepers in the fourth round.

▶After being declared the winner, John Ntuli had the decision reversed in favor of Louis Joshua, in their non-European non-title bantamweight fight in the Durban City Hall.

▶CORNER CHATTER: Jack Scott, the South African middleweight, has scored some fine inside the distance wins in Britain. Abe Vorster, the Johannesburg welterweight, is also doing well overseas. . . . Richie "Kid" Howard has arrived in South Africa for an Empire title bout with Willie Toweel. . . . Mike Holt will be off to Australia next January for a series of fights. . . For any information, etc., write me at P. O. Box 171, East London, South Africa.



Miguel Berrios (left), New York featherweight, looks to hammer away at bleeding eye of Flash Elorde of The Philippines in their Madison Square Garden bout. Berrios won a ten round decision.



Randy Sandy (left), New York middleweight, takes a hard right thrown by British middleweight Johnny Sullivan in St. Nicholas Arena bout. Sandy won ten rounds decision.

YAMA BAHAMA FROM BIMINI

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scrappers and fought like one, now fighting in orthodox style.

BAHAMA STARTED WITH ONE ROUND KNOCKOUT

"He started," says Bob Melnick, who has been managing him for over two years, *"on Nov. 17, 1953, flattening one Harry Irwin in one heat. He then scored two 4-round victories and stiffened a guy named Phil Brick in one round at the termination of that year."*

Yama engaged in 22 contests the following year, losing three—one of them by a kayo. He recently avenged two of his defeats by Jimmy Ford—knocking him out in nine heats and contributing his share of the purse—$3,800—to the Home for Crippled Children of Nassau, in a boxing exhibition run by Lord and Lady Renfry. A plaque with Bahama's picture, has been cemented in the doorway of the Home. Yama also reversed his defeat by Carlo Sarlo. As for Bob Hoffman, he conveniently retired.

Bahama breezed through 1955 undefeated in 15 bouts, scoring five knockouts. Though the only name boxer he beat that year—taking all of the ten rounds on the officials' score cards—was Paolo Melis, the Bimini boy so impressed the paying clients and fight writers alike that Bahama was promptly brought into clear focus as a fighter, ready to be placed in the ratings of RING Magazine—a rating that's recognized throughout the entire world.

It is intensely absorbing to watch Bahama in the ring. Bahama knows how to put weakening stings into his punches and how to follow his advantage when he has a man hurt. Although inclined toward classy boxing, Yama is not loathe to stand and slug it out with tough scrappers who can hit. He does not recall having been hurt or dazed by a blow in the ring.

HERE'S HOW YAMA GOT THAT ODD RING MONIKER

Many versions have been printed as to how he was dubbed Yama Bahama. Here's the right one—told by William H. Butler, Jr., himself. When young George Lyon was ready to embark the youth on a pro ring career, he began to speculate giving him a unique-sounding name. Lee Evens, a reporter on the Miami Herald, also trying to think of a good name, happened to glance at the name of Lyon's yacht: BAHAMA MAMA. That gave him an idea. Putting the last name first, and changing the first letter M to Y, Lee had it: YAMA BAHAMA.

Butler-Bahama is 5-foot-9, 157 pounds of solid flesh. He swims almost as well as a seal, having learned how before he could walk. The scar over his left eye is not the result of a fight. Yama suffered it in a fall at the age of five. He likes playing tennis and baseball, enjoys fishing and swimming, listening to piano playing and tickling the ivories himself, a little. Among his chief rooters—aside from George A. Lyon, Jr., are the great golfer Sammy Snead and Bernard Gimbel, New York department store tycoon.

To win the middleweight title is his great ambition, of course. But the young man is nourishing what to him is even a greater ambition.

He says:—*"It is my aim to build a hotel in Bimini where white folks and Negroes can live in peace and harmony —which I'm sure is possible.*

"In fact, I hope to build such a hotel whether I become rich or not. Because all I'll need to pay for is building material. Labor won't cost me anything. The natives of the Island will be only too happy to pitch in and contribute their work gratis. To them it'll be fun—and a worthwhile contribution."

This year Bahama has won six of seven, three by knockouts. His trainer, Jack Friday, has been with Yama in 28 engagements.

A-ROUND AND A-BOUT

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This game gets a little easier when you come to the flyweight named Hitoshi Misako.

The NBA commends Bobo Olson, former middleweight champion, for *"demonstrating excellent judgment in recognizing he has reached the end of the fistic trail—and electing to hang up his gloves."* We made exactly the same comment in these columns in the current issue of *"Ring."* But both "A-round and A-bout" and the NBA should have gone a step further and commended as well, Sid Flaherty, Olson's manager. It was Flaherty who advised Bobo that he had had enough.

OLD AGE BENEFITS

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"jet" age of living. Roadwork for fighters, while still a *"must"*, is a farce with most. There too are many automobiles to ride in.

The life span of the athlete has been cut almost in half in most sports and in boxing, even lower. You don't see 20-year men in baseball any more and only in horse racing, where great jockeys like Eddie Arcaro and Johnny Longden are always setting records, are the ancients ruling the proverbial roost. Yet in boxing, the only world champion in all divisions under 30 is Carmen Basilo, king of the welterweights, and he'll be 30 next April.

It obviously pays to be old.

SEEN & HEARD IN N. Y.

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fists flailing away. Gonzalez reeled back across the ring and a left hook sent him tumbling through the ropes. At this point Referee Ruby Goldstein called a halt. The round had gone 59 seconds. In the semi-final eight, Tony DiBiase, 147, Astoria, continued along his winning way by outpointing Ray Portilla, 144, transplanted Mexican now living in the Bronx. Charley Douglas, 134½, Harlem, whipped Art Suffoletta, 138, Bridgeport, Conn., in six. Another six produced a decision for Peter Schmidt, 143½, Yorkville, over Itzy Wallach, 146, East Side. In fours, Julius Rhodes, 138½, Philadelphia, won from Jesse Watson, 139, Brooklyn, and Gene Hamilton, 159, Bronx, beat Nelson Torres, 157, Brooklyn.

▶ Advantages in weight and strength proved the deciding factors as Charley Norkus, 195½, transplanted Jerseyan, now living in Floral Park, L. I., pushed, tugged and mauled his way to a close but unanimous decision over Joey Rowan, 185, Philadelphia, in a sloppy ten at St. Nicholas Arena. Never noted as a speed merchant, Norkus seemed slower than ever, but with his fumbling aggressiveness he didn't give the lighter and shiftier Rowan much opportunity to make use of his supposedly better boxing equipment. The affair was a drab mauling match most of the way, marred by too much clinching. The only solid socking was accounted for in the last round. Norkus jolted Rowan with a looping right and follow-up left, but Joey promptly lashed back with a right to the chin that staggered Norkus and drove him into the ropes. Both rivals finished with slight nose bleeds and cuts around their left eyes. Alex Miteff, 204, likely-looking young Argentino, whipped Johnny Henry, 186, Harlem, in the semi-final six. It was unbeaten Miteff's sixth win in North American rings. Ray Dittrich, 173, outpointed Jerry Holman, 167, in an all-Brooklyn six. Another six was abbreviated when Rudy Sawyer, 149, Pittsburgh, stopped Claude Norwood, 149¼, Brooklyn, at 2:04 of the third. In fours, Ace Freman, 166, Brooklyn, won from a borough rival, George Corbett, 161¾, and Kenny Smith, 146, White Plains, was declared winner over Warren Anderson, 141, Philadelphia, when their affair was halted at the end of the third.

▶ Durability again paid off for Wayne Bethea, 203, as the lumbering Bronxite outlasted Howie Turner, 204½, Brooklyn, to take a split decision in a dull ten at St. Nicholas Arena. Turner was the better boxer and sharper puncher, but he fought mainly in flurries and seemed to tire after each outburst, while Bethea plodded ahead steadily in his ungainly but effective manner. A weary Turner, going ten rounds for the first time in his brief career, shifted to southpaw in the seventh and did well in that session. He tired again in the eighth and ninth but rallied in the last round. Referee Harry Ebbets tabbed for Turner, 5-4-1, but was outvoted by the judges, Artie Aidala and Artie Schwartz, both of whom came up with 6-3-1 counts for Bethea. Mickey Crawford, 148½, Detroit, outpointed Art Lusby, 148½, Dumont, N. J., in the semi-final six. Johnny Lissy, 145, Middlesex, N. J., won from Henry Winchman, 148½, East Side, in another six. A third six ended at 1:17 of the second, Otis Woodard, 141, Harlem, stopping Bobby Barksdale, 161, Buffalo. In fours, Joey Maxon, 126, West Side, decisioned Steve Horvath, 127, Long Island City, and Vinnie Breen, 137, Bronx, whipped Angel Garcia, 133, Brooklyn.

▶ With Buddy Lee Clothes withdrawing from its financial arrangement, Sunnyside Garden went ahead on its own with its second non-TV show of the season and drew a surprisingly large turnout of 1,800 and gross receipts of $2,909. Two brothers, former Golden Stars stars Jimmy and Joe Archer, were mainly responsible. They disposed of $1,100 worth of tickets to their large Bronx following. Both brothers were winners. Jimmy, 147½, appearing in his ninth pro bout and first main event hereabouts, stopped Al Milone, 150½, Brooklyn, at 0:46 of the seventh of a scheduled eight. The affair was automatically halted after Milon hit the canvas for the third time in that round. The younger Archer, Joe, 148½, making his pro debut, outpointed Danny Jones, 151, Brooklyn, in a preliminary four. In two other co-featured eights, unbeaten Joey Donovan, 134, Astoria, registered his twelfth straight win by thrashing Harvey Charles, 130½, Brooklyn, and Bill Flamio, 147, Bronx, punched out a decision over the veteran Fred Monforte, 143½, Brooklyn. The opening four ended in a hurry with Freddie Mack, 174, Brooklyn, disposing of Rudy Williams, 177, Harlem, at 1:46 of the first.

▶ Repeating a previous victory in San Francisco, fiery little Miguel Berrios, 128, Puerto Rico, outfought Gabriel (Flash) Elorde, 129½, Philippines, in a rip-roaring ten in Madison Square Garden. It was an action-packed thriller all the way, with Berrios proving the more durable of the two. The aggressive Puerto Rican seemed a bit puzzled in the early rounds by Elorde's southpaw tactics, but once he found the right answers Miguel sent a steady stream of rights pouring into the Filipino's head. One of them ripped a gash over Elorde's right eye in the fifth and the steady flow of blood handicapped the Flash during the closing rounds. The injury looked more serious, however, than it actualy was. Dr Vincent Nardiello twice checked it, after the seventh and eighth rounds, and permitted the bout to continue. Elorde's most effective punch was a left to the body and several times it slowed down Berrios' rushes. Tommy Salem, 135½, Cleveland, was too shifty for Johnny Gorman, 141, West Side, in a lively semi-final six. In two other sixes, Angelo DeFendis, 169½, Brooklyn, pounded out a decision over rugged Said Khelfa, 169¼, Algeria, and Johnny Yorck, 209½, Norristown, Pa., was a winner over Johnny Hoye, 201, Boston. In the opening four between crosstown rivals, Ramos Soto, 121, East Side, outpointed Tommy Kelly, 121½, West Side.

▶ Although he lost a close decision, Johnny Sullivan, 161, England, gave American fans something to remember him by when he closed out his second American campaign by staging a real old-fashioned Donnybrook with Randy Sandy, 157½, Harlem, at the St. Nicholas Arena. It was an exciting sockfest for all ten rounds, with both boys concentrating on savage body punching. Sandy did his most effective work with stinging left hooks and he scored with enough of them to influence the officials into giving him the verdict. It was Sullivan, however, who connected with the best punches of the fight. He nearly jackknifed Sandy in the fourth with a lusty right to the body and a right to the chin had the lanky Harlemite reling groggily for a few moments in the seventh. Harold Smith, 132, Washington, D. C., outpointed Benny Artist, 135, West Side, in the semi-final six.

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the other hurled salt into his face, and proceeded to rub it into his eyes with zest. When Fritz rushed to the rescue of his partner, he received similar treatment. Staggering blindly about the ring, Karl was a natural for a quick pin. It came in about three minutes.

The real bout of the evening, however, saw colorful Al Kashey, 220, Compton, Calif., and strong boy Tony Baillargeon, 228, Montreal, Canada, wrestle to a 45-minute draw. It was a clean, and hard fought battle, which saw both gladiators showing plenty of skill, speed and a phenomenal knowledge of wrestling lore.

This was the second time within a month that these two popular grapplers have wrestled to a draw. The fans are now hollering for a fight to the finish.

A comparative newcomer to a Winnipeg ring, young Al "Kid" Kashey has won the hearts of the fans. Son of the famous King Kong Kashey, the wirey Al is fast making a name for himself in wrestling circles. A week previous he was matched against Bearcat Wright, 255, Omaha, an unorthodox wrestler with villianous intent. The fans felt sorry for the youthful Al, who spotted his opponent 35 pounds. However, it took him only 13 minutes and 45 seconds to finish off the colored boy.

On the same card, the ever popular Brunetti brothers, of Italy, Guy, 238 and Joe, 235, won over the German tag team by the disqualification route. The Germans took the first fall, the Italians the second. Then Fritz was disqualified when he climbed to the rope tops, leaped high in the air and landed—not on a Brunetti—but on the spine of referee Sammy Menacher, of Los Angeles. It took some time before the ref was able to leave the ring.

Jack Pesek, 237, Lincoln, Neb., was once the idol of Winnipeg fans. Now he is somewhat in their disfavor. Reason is, he has become somewhat of a villian when the going gets rough. Last week he defeated Gregory Jarque, 235, Spain in 18 minutes, and the week previous took the measure of Sammy Menacher, 240, the injured referee, in almost exactly the same time. In both bouts Jack started off a gentleman, but ended up being booed before the match was over.

NOTES BY TOM MORTIMER

Recent events in the wrestling world has brought forth memories. I heard of the recent injury to Al Mercier? A famous chap in the wrestling world of yesteryear. Wonder how many of you readers know that Al used to play ball in the old Middle Atlantic League. Used to like to watch the bouts around the circuit when he wasn't playing ball. One night in Pennsylvania Al was there in his usual front seat. When they found that one of the wrestlers failed to show, Al being a big rugged guy, was pressed into service. Well? Baseball's loss. And wrestling's gain.

It also brings to memory a story that worked in reverse. Pete McGlaughlin the American League umpire of yesterday was a wrestler who liked to watch ball games when he want wrestling. So one night the umpire failed to show. Pete did as a spectator and the home team asked him to umpire the game. They knew Pete could handle himself if he had to. Pete did. The result? You guessed it. Wrestling lost a star. Baseball gained one.

Moola, most fabulous lady wrestler of these times is one version of the acknowledged lady wrestling champion. Likes my cooking? She looks forward to the recipe I try on her when she heads for these hills of ours. Here in the heart of the pioneer valley area of Massachusetts. Word comes of the recent deaths of Herb Parks. The great referee won this one. Let's hope that the folks in the wrestling world will miss this fine fella like us hill folks do. Gypsy Joe Gonzales is just about the only wrestler who has had a flower pot named in his honor. Judy Grable, Miami's gift to the wrestling world is also one of the prettiest girls in the sports today. Doesn't have to take her hat off to any of the Hollywood glamor girls. Pat Sherry? One young fine lady wrestler is the kind of a girl I'd like to have for a daughter. Sure would.

JUNIOR TITLES

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In the spring of 1925 Sullivan took it to Philadelphia where Mike Ballerino, originally from Bayonne, N. J., dethroned him in 12 rounds. Then, late in 1925, Ballerino faced Tod Morgan, widely-traveled trouper from Sequim, Wash., in Los Angeles. Morgan knocked out Ballerino in 10 rounds and proceeded to redeem the crown somewhat with the prestige of being in circulation.

Tod gave Carl Duane a title shot in 1926 in New York and rebuffed him in 15. Two years later he brought the championship back to New York for Eddie (Cannonball) Martin, who failed against him in 15. Early in 1929 he respectively whipped Santiago Zorrilla and Baby Sal Sorio at 10 rounds in Los Angeles, both billed as for the championship.

For the last date of the year in Madison Square Garden in 1929, Morgan put the title on the line in a fight with Benny Bass, the Philadelphian who previously had held the featherweight championship. Bass, a completely unpredictable performer, this time scored a two-round knockout.

Thus ended Tod's reign of four years and 17 days, the longest of any junior lightweight boss and the most active. From winning to losing the title, he fought six times at weight.

Bass went over a year and a half without engaging in a title bout. When he did come out of hiding, against Kid Chocolate, the Cuban picture fighter, in the summer of 1931, knocked him out in the seventh round in Philadelphia, his home city.

The Keed was preoccupied with the featheweight championship, the limit for which he could make without difficulty, and a full two years disappeared before he faced a junior lightweight challenger, Frankie Klick, in Philadelphia. Klick won over Chocolate in the seventh round on a disqualification.

With Klick, the junior lightweight trail led into a blind alley. He himself was becoming too heavy for 130-pound competition and there were no potential successors. Besides, New York, in 1930, had outlawed junior titles. And an important port of call was eliminated.

Frankie, a San Francisco product, who was around from 1925 to 1943, twice boxed for the junior welter crown against Barney Ross after he moved up.

By that time the junior welter title had become an afterthought to the lightweight championship. For example, when Ross had shaded Tony Canzoneri for the 135 pound laurels in 1933 at Chicago, the 140-pound fixture went along with it.

For a while Barney didn't neglect it. Most of his over-weight fights became junior welter title matches. In this manner, he defended successfully against Sammy Fuller at Boston late in 1933, 10 rounds, and against Pete Nebo at Kansas City in 1934, 12 rounds.

Klick entered Ross' existence right after the Nebo fight and in San Francisco, where Frankie extracted a draw in 10 rounds. During the gap between Barney's second and third fights with Jimmy McLarnin (while McLarnin had the 147-pound title), Ross fought Klick 10 rounds in Miami for junior crown and beat him.

Barney dropped in another junior welter title match, at 12 rounds with Henry Woods, in Seattle in 1935, which he won. But, upon recapturing the regulation welter crown from McLarnin that spring, he naturally lost interest in the junior welter championship.

Under ban in New York, the junior welter situation languished and virtually died. Revival attempts have been made. One such, in 1946 at Boston, found Tippy Larkin of Garfield, N. J., assuming the dusty mantle by defeating Willie Joyce of Gary, Ind., in 12 rounds. Larkin met Joyce again in New York and repeated in 12 rounds but otherwise never again made use of that title billing.

In the origins of both junior lightweight and junior welterweight competition, ye olde New York-National Boxing Association controversy rears its head—and there is merit on both sides of the argument.

New York did have the enabling legislation built into its boxing law in 1920 but the NBA, at a 1922 meeting, urged the recognition of both championships and encouraged interest in it among member commissions.

The curious thing about the junior welter crown was that it first was won in a popularity contest, rather than in the ring.

Shortly after the NBA action, Mike E. Collins, then publishing the now extinct Boxing Blade, put up a belt to go to the contender receiving the greatest number of votes.

Outstanding names entered by their supporters were Jimmy Duffy of California, Eddie Fitzsimmons of New York and the Milwaukee brothers, Ritchie and Pinky Mitchell. Pinky Mitchell piled up a big bulge in ballots and was the winner and first titleholder.

The championship remained in his possession, but without one defense, until the fall of 1926, when he lost it to Mushy Callahan in 10 rounds at Vernon, Cal. Callahan's real name was Vincent Scheer.

Berg knocked him out in the 10th round at London and Callahan never fought again.

Berg, actually Judah Bergman, product of London's Whitechapel area, had been campaigning mainly in the United States prior to his disposal of Callahan and soon returned here. A little over a year after being crowned, he was matched in Chicago with Tony Canzoneri, who had beaten him in 10 rounds in New York just before he'd boxed Callahan.

On April 21, 1931, Berg was presented with a title belt by the NBA. It hadn't come a moment too soon. Three days later, in the Canzoneri return, he was knocked out in three rounds.

Tony, an authentically great performer, was in the same position as Barney Ross. As lightweight champion, he found the extra bauble a useful gimmick for over-the-weight competition.

In four successive matches in 1931 he scored victories below the 140-pound figure, one, with Berg, covering both the lightweight and junior welter titles. He beat Cecil Payne at Los Angeles in 10 rounds, Berg in New York in 15, Paulie Griffith in Newark, N. J., in 10 and Kid Chocolate in New York in 15.

Then came the strangest puzzle in junior title fisticuffs. Early in 1932 Canzoneri went to Philadelphia to risk his championship against Johnny Jadick, an elongated lefthand specialist with a fair record. And, for the whole 10-round bout Canzoneri was puzzled. The spectacular hitter-boxer who'd solved the styles of the best couldn't do a thing with Jadick.

The next summer Tony returned to Philadelphia, determined to avenge his indignity. It was the same riddle all over again, however. Every thing he tried wound up the same way—walking into Jadick's left. Result: Jadick winner and still champion.

The junior welter situation had its lift via Tippy Larkin, as mentioned, and the junior lightweight championship was resuscitated as late as 1949. At that time Sandy Saddler was minus the featherweight title and was waiting for his third meeting with Willie Pep, which was to reestablish him as divisional boss, the post he still holds.

To fill in the stage wait, Sandy boxed Orlando Zulueta 10 rounds at Cleveland at 130 pounds. Saddler won the junior lightweight title and presumably prized it. But, no sooner had he scored over Pep than he forgot all about it.

The marketability of these junior championships never has been wide. The biggest gate for any fight in which a junior crown alone was in the balance probably came when Dundee and Bernstein fought for the first time. They filled the old Garden with an estimated 11,000 paying between $40,000 and $45,000.

RING NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA
By RAY MITCHELL

AFTER SEVENTEEN MONTHS OF IDLENESS BEGINNING with the ashes of a fire which destroyed the building, and continuing with the gradual re-building of the house of stoush, Melbourne Stadium re-opened with a great resounding of trumpets, Australia's top drawcard, and several sensations.

The Stadium itself is grand, comparable with any stadium its size in the world. Its plush ringside seats, backed bleachers, its lighting, its air conditioning and its all-around amenities make it a stadium extraordinary.

For months speculation has been rife about the opening fighters. Finally, BRUNO VISINTIN was brought out from Italy to fight our own top drawcard, GEORGE BARNES. Long before the first preliminary began, the half-million-dollar stadium was packed to capacity and thousands of fans milled outside, trying to gain admission.

Visintin was given a points decision which was lustily cheered by the Italians in the audience, but as rabidly hooted by Australians and non-partisan fans, who considered that Barnes had earned the verdict. Not all the hoots were against the verdict, either—many considered that Visintin was favoured throughout the contest by the referee. All in all, it was an exciting night.

▶ Three days later, RUSSELL SANDS, last of the Sands brothers and former featherweight champion of Australia (he is now a lightweight), fought TONY BORACCIO, the second of the Italian contingent who recently arrived in this country, at Sydney Stadium. It was a thriller, with Sands edging the Italian out of the verdict over 12 rounds. Sands' evasion was a highlight and he confused Boraccio throughout. Many exciting rallies featured and a return should draw a good house.

▶ DON BRONCO JOHNSON turned on two rough wars at Brisbane during the past month. In the first—on September 21—he knocked out ROD LITZOW in ten rounds of a give-no-quarter battle, while in the second, a week later, he drew with CARLO MARCHINI in a fight in which the late Marquis of Queensberry left the ring early in the fight. Don is a contender for both the middle and light-heavy titles of this country, but is likely to contest the light-heavy crown because his gym mate, Billy McDonnell, holds the middleweight laurels. At least, he does at the time of writing.

▶ Featherweight BRIAN SMITH put over a dream punch on FRANKIE BENNETT at Sydney Stadium on September 24, in one of two twelve-rounders which headlined the bill. A left hook spilled Bennett on his pants in the second round and when he rose, another left hook put him down again. Referee Vic Patrick did not bother to count, but crowned Smith winner by K.O.

▶ Up in Brisbane a featherweight tourney is on to find a Queensland State champion. On October 5, GEORGE FLEMMING knocked out BARRY MOLLOY in ten rounds, while WARREN POWELL knocked out DES ASHE in eleven. A week later, FLEMMING skittled LAURIE GORDON in six rounds. Soon, Flemming will meet Powell for the vacant State title.

The second twelve on the Smith-Bennett card at Sydney Stadium was between junior middles, BOBBY SANDERS, and MIKE HANNAH, the latter from New Zealand. Hannah was outclassed in everything except gameness and Vic stopped it in the ninth round, crowning Sanders winner by K.O.

▶ Just to keep Ring readers up with the latest prospect, whom I mentioned some months ago, BILL LAWRENCE notched up another victory on October 15, when he easily outpointed a useful boy in MAX CADMAN over eight rounds. Bill is still undefeated. He could go on to the Australian featherweight title.

▶ GLEN CARSBURG upended GENE BROWN in five at Brisbane in the second twelve on the Flemming-Gordon card. Carsburg, at 150, conceded some six pounds to his opponent.

▶ The last fight promoted by the Past & Present Boxers' Social Club, took place at Collingwood, Victoria, on October 5, when JOHNNY MICHAEL outpointed WAL JENKINS over twelve rounds. They are featherweights. The Club did a wonderful job in keeping boxing alive in Victoria while the burned- out Melbourne Stadium was being rebuilt, and every credit must go to this body of men who promoted for the good of the game, and not for profit. Most credit goes to George Harrod. We need more men like him.

▶ A very one-sided fight took place at Sydney Stadium on October 8, when SAMMY BONNICI, of Malta, outpointed GORDON BELL, of Australia. Sammy was just over the feather limit, while Gordon was well within it. So game is Bell that it is a pity that he had to be outclassed as he was that night.

▶ Only one more big fight to mention. That was in Collingwood when HARRY CASTLE, a good young middleweight, conceded five pounds to JOE DAMIAMI, and beat Joe on points.

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EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA
By Thomas V. Deugau

WILF GREAVES, 159, EDMONTON, MADE HIS HOMETOWN PRO DEBUT a successful one by scoring a technical knockout over Arley Seifer, 153, Pittsburgh, at the 30 second mark of the seventh round. This was Wilf's tenth victory in 14 pro fights.

In the six round semi-final south-paw Al Sparks, 170, Winnipeg, won out over Jackie Headon, 167, Edmonton in what was a gruelling battle all the way. George Peamuller, 154, Winnipeg, took an unpopular split decision over Leroy Flamond, 155, Edmonton, in a four rounder.

In other fours: Kenny Anderson, 148, Edmonton, defeated Arnold Sparks, 144, Winnipeg. This was Sparks first pro fight.

Ken Kirby, 164, Edmonton, knocked out Orest Lazarenko, 160, Edmonton, at 1:45 of the fourth round.

▶ RING NOTES: Only 2,124 paid to witness this card, despite the barrage of publicity laid down by Jake Mintz, manager of Greaves, Jack Lakin, and other members of the Alberta Boxing Club and the loss is figured at the $3,000 mark. Giannone and Co have now announced that any future promotions will see the fighters taking a percentage rather than a guarantee. If this is the case then there won't be too many fights for no "name fighter" will risk his name for a mere pittance.

Local fighters looked very rusty—but this is due to the long period between fights. One suggestion is that there should be two promoters in Edmonton and they could stage cards on alternative months—or better yet, fights should be staged twice a month; one promoter being allowed to stage his card the first half of the month and the other staging his the last half.

Therefore the Edmonton Boxing and Wrestling Commission should allow Jack Berry to regain his lost license—and Pat Giannone to continue—in order to keep the boxers in top shape, and fan interest alive—otherwise the game may as well fold up.

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EUROPEAN GOSSIP

by Charlie Parish

WORLD CHAMPION MARIO D'AGATA gave his fists an airing and defeated promising Juan Cardenas in most convincing fashion whilst Charles Humez, Marconi, Loi and Young Martin, all European champs, were in action with Humez by far the most impressive. Hans Kalbfell and Erich Schöppner, two German big fellows, continued their march to the top and Alphonse Halimi, probably next opponent for D'Agata, won a couple of points verdicts over Meunier and Tanny Campo, the Filipino. Leen Jansen and Piet van Klaveren resumed their winning runs in Holland and William Besmanoff, now boxing as a heavyweight, kept busy. Calzavara renewed his grip on the Italian cruiser title. Francis Bonnardel lost to Matt Fulton in Glasgow, Pierre Wouters to Frank Johnson in Newcastle but Guy Gracia larruped Joe Lucy in London. Italians did well in Australia, Tiberio Mitri lacing Ricardo Marcos and Luigi Coluzzi winning the Australian middles title from McDonnell. Bruno Visintin trounced George Barnes and Pedro Antonio Jiminez, Spanish middle, debuted successfully in Canada.

▶ Milan, Italy. Charles Humez proved here that the Lion of Flanders has not yet lost all his teeth, at the expense of handsome Franco Festucci. A crowd of 13,000 paid around £20,000 in the hopes of seeing their idol capture the European middles title from Humez but once more the Frenchman had enough trumps up his sleeve when the going became tough. Both men opened the fight with caution and it was not until the fifth round that Humez got blood in his eye and began to march into his opponent. Festucci soon bore little resemblance to his filmstar portraits but fought back courageously. In the ninth he slung over two dangerous right hooks to the head which stopped the champion in his tracks but Humez shook his head and came in with a reply which draped Festucci against the ropes. The gong sounded and saved the situation. Festucci met the champ half-way in the tenth and both men engaged in fierce exchanges, with Humez getting a cut over his right eye. The handsome Roman did better still in the next session, slamming across a left hook which had Humez in dire straits for a moment but Festucci failed to take full advantage of the situation and then it was too late. He was dropped for "5" in the twelfth and then Humez cornered the challenger and pounded away at will, with Festucci staggering helplessly into the punches. The Belgian referee wisely made an end of it and both battlers were loudly applauded.

On the rest of the all-star bill, Duilio Loi gave an excellent display of boxing to win on points over the game French lightie, Maurice Auzel, in ten rounds. Cherif Hamia did not particularly impress against modest Letterio Petilli in a feathers ten and Guido Mazzinghi easily retained his Italian middles title against Mario Faverzani, who was ruled out in the third heat for repeated fouls.

▶ Malaga, Spain. Although well in the veteran class, Luis Romero has by no means said his last word, it would appear.

José Luis Martinez kept his head above water until the seventh round, when Romero landed one of his dreaded left hooks to the liver which spreadeagled the youngster for keeps. Antonio Diaz boxed brilliantly against Rodriguez in a bantam eight but the referee voted for the latter, a local fighter, despite the disapproval of the crowd. In two lightweight affairs, Hervas stopped Juan Pagès in five and Guillen licked Ramon Gonzales while Ortega won over Amaro in a flyweight four.

▶ Barcelona, Spain. Lopez Durban, the popular Catalan bantam champion, turned in one of his pleasing performances against José Crespo and won clearly over eight rounds while kayo artist Joe Luis found it hard to finish off dour Andres Garcia, who came back with flailing fists to earn a draw after a hard welter eight. Latorre decisioned Cartes in a middles eight and Rumi won over Nuez in a bantam affair scheduled for five rounds. Manuel Bufala defended his lightweight title against promising Pancho Cifuentes and won handily over twelve rounds at Santander.

▶ Courtrai, Belgium. Rudolf Christiaens got the better of Hector Bizon in a lightweight eight here and at Ghent, blond Aimé Devisch scraped home with the decision at the expense of Lucien Méraint in a good feathers ten. The Dutch cruiser, Snucky De Bruin, won over Bob Stevens, obliging the local to retire in the seventh with cut eyes.

▶ Paris. At the Salle Wagram, the Filipino bantam star, Tanny Campo, took things easy and won as he pleased over the Franco-Pole, Stan Sobolak, in ten rounds. Jean Dos Santos nodded Tiodmir Zambujo in a feathers ten and Cyprien Carrié licked Marty Utges in a feathers eight. André Gardeux halted Rabah Ben Said of Dakar in the third frame of a lightweight encounter. At the Central, Jean Santanbien did very well to cop the verdict over Michel Clavel in a lightie ten and Ben Ahmed defeated Leroux in a bantam six.

▶ Brussels. Pierre Cossemyns appeared once more in front of 4,000 fans at the Stadium, this time opposed to the German bantam prospect, Alfred Schwer. The latter gave an extremely good account of himself. Warned several times for careless hitting, Cossemyns was given a close points victory after eight rounds. Heavy champ Alain Cherville had an easy task against André Wyns and stopped him in the fourth while Richard Bouchez was rather lucky to get the decision over aggressive Joseph Janssens. This was for Bouchez's middles crown and only a last-minute display of fireworks earned him the nod. Young Albert Duscha, a German heavyweight novice, upset José Peyre by pasting him soundly over eight.

▶ Paris. André Valignat bounced back into action at the Stadium with a confident win over André Bernard, who was stopped in the ninth round of a hectic feathers fray. In a couple of lightie larrups, Harzoune drew with Guedjal and Belarabe nodded Constantin. At the Central, promising Emile Buccelato battered Joseph Page to defeat in the opening stanza of their middles debate and Roger Malatrez rid himself of Angel Colussa in the eighth round of another middles affair.

▶ Brest, France. Jacques Bouhier took just over four rounds to dispose of the German lightie, Walter Lembgen, while at Laon, Jean Poisson made an excellent impression by holding the local middles ace, Gilbert Lavoine, to a draw over ten rounds. At Le Havre, Ali Amrane, who has never been knocked out in years of campaigning, split the honors with local middle André Couet. Bernard Belli, Paris middles comer, slammed out René Sauvage at Calais, with a murderous hook to the liver. Alf Vaillant flattened Castre in the sixth frame of a bantam fray.

▶ Cremona, Italy. Mafaldo Rinaldi, who has turned in some fairly good wins of late, came through with a surprise win over Aureliano Bolognesi, the former Olympic star. The latter injured his shoulder in the second round of this lightie affair but it must be added that Rinaldi had all the play until the fight was stopped. At Viareggio, Umberto Del Carlo came back to whip Ballarini in a welter six.

▶ Paris. The loudly-sung punching powers of Alphonse Halimi were put to the acid test at the Salle Wagram—and were found wanting. Robert Meunier, who played the role of sacrificial goat, soaked up the Algerian's best punches like blotting paper and although Halimi won by a very large margin over ten rounds, the fans were disappointed that there was no knockout. Meunier, of course, is as tough as teak and has gone the distance with the best in Europe. Jo Ventaja made his debut, winning his feathers bout in the first round against Jean Colin after dropping the latter four times. Michel Lamora copped the decision over Moncef Fehri in a bantam eight and Manoel Martinera drew with sturdy Lou Mourros in a middles eight.

▶ Arques, France. Roger Facqueur returned to action with an eight round win over Sigi Jarych in a welter dispute and Herreman whipped René Viola in a flyweight eight. At the Central, Robert Tartari defeated José Alvarez in a bantam ten and Max Brianto made his heavyweight debut by stopping Renzo Macor in two rounds. In two bantam discussions, Zarzu licked Zarka and Pierre De Souza bested Jacques Delplace, both six-rounders.

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

MONTH ENDING NOVEMBER 20, 1956

HEAVIES	CRUISERS	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1. Ingo Johansson (SW)	Gerhard Hecht (G)	Charles Humez (F)	Emilio Marconi (I)
2. Hans Friedrich (G)	Hans Stretz (G)	Tiberio Mitri (I)	Gaetano Garbelli (I)
3. Franco Cavicchi (I)	Willi Hoepner (G)	Peter Muller (G)	Sauveur Chiocca (F)
4. Heinz Neuhaus (G)	Charles Colin (F)	Franco Festucci (I)	Valere Benedetto (F)
5. Willi Besmanoff (G)	Wim Snoek (H)	Germinal Ballarin (F)	Idrissa Dione (F)
6. Kurt Schiegl (A)	Artenio Calzavara (I)	Max Resch (G)	Jacques Prigent (F)
7. Uber Bacilieri (I)	Pedro Klyssen (H)	Guido Mazzinghi (I)	Gunter Hase (G)
8. Hans Kalbfell (G)	Sandro D'Ottavio (I)	Leen Jansen (H)	Umberto Vernaglione (I)
9. Antonio Crosia (I)	Ahmed Boulgroune (F)	Louis Trochon (F)	Ben Buker II (S)
10. Marcel Limage (B)	Andre Cottyn (B)	Richard Bouchez (B)	Jacq. Herbillon (F)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Duilio Loi (I)	Cherif Hamia (F)	Mario D'Agata (I)	Young Martin (S)
2. Felix Chiocca (F)	Jean Sneyers (B)	Alphonse Halimi (F)	Aristide Pozzali (I)
3. Bruno Visintin (I)	Rudi Langer (G)	Juan Cardenas (S)	Robert Pollazon (F)
4. Seraphin Ferrer (F)	Jules Touan (F)	Jean Renard (B)	Guy Schatt (F)
5. Hoacine Khalfi (F)	Manolo Garcia (S)	Gaetan Annaloro (I)	Jose Ogazon (S)
6. Lahaouri Godih (F)	Sergio Caprari (I)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Henri Schmid (F)
7. Fred Galiana (S)	Altidoro Polidori (I)	Piero Rollo (I)	Robert Mouginot (F)
8. Jose Hernandez (S)	Aldo Pravisani (I)	Roger Cappato (F)	Pipo Dionisio (F)
9. Piet van Klaveren (H)	Nello Barbadoro (I)	Luis Romero (S)	Emile Delplanque (B)
10. Mario Vecchiato (I)	Andre Valignat (F)	Dante Bini (F)	Francesco Carreno (S)

LEGEND:—(A) Austria; (B) Belgium; (F) France; (G) Germany; (H) Holland; (I) Italy; (S) Spain; (SW) Sweden.

▶ Paris. Up and coming Marcel Pigou headlined for the first time at the Salle Wagram against the Spanish middles champ, Domingo Mena. The powerful hitting of the Norman sent Mena down for a count of "9" in the sixth but the visitor regained his feet and lasted the distance of ten rounds, ceding the decision to Pigou. Jean Santanbien was in tip-top form again, blasting out Cyprien Carrié in the eighth of a lightie encounter and the Spaniard, José Manrique, boxed a good draw with Ahcene Attar in a lightie eight. Guy Zanolini licked Abdelkad Ouraghi in a lightie six. At Lyons, the new welter star, Pierre Mondino, came through with another smart win, this time over Claude Lapourielle, in ten. Tony Garcia scored his thirteenth straight win by whipping Gulotta in a lightie eight and Ali Oura trimmed Jean Dubois in a lightie six.

▶ St. Etienne, France. The wandering stone gathered some moss here when square-rigged Gerd Müller of Germany entered the ring as cannon-fodder for Mario Ciccarelli, highly-touted local puncher. Müller threw a stiff left which dropped Mario for "8" in the opening round and Ciccarelli decided to bring matters to a close very quickly. But Müller was waiting and slammed back to such good effect that Cicarelli was taken out of action in the second round. At Caen, local star Raymond Mocques likewise got a pasting from a visiting trial-horse, Hamouda Bouraoui of Tunis, who stopped the local in the seventh of a one-sided middles affair.

▶ Luxembourg. Werner Wiegand returned to action here with a win over the Austrian heavy, Alois Senn, who after being dropped by a doubtful punch, retaliated with frequent butts of the head and in the seventh round Senn was ruled out. In another heavyweight maul, Ady Biver was given an unpopular decision over the Austrian Robert Bedrnik in a rough six-rounder and Willi Swoboda avenged this verdict by soundly outscoring René Scheich of Luxembourg in a lightie eight. Alfons Kubes also punched too wildly and in the third round laid out Jempy Bentz of Luxembourg with a clout below the belt which led to his disqualification. Attendance was around 2,000.

▶ Essen, Germany. A crowd of 2,000 saw powerful Hans Kalbfell, 217, register his twelfth straight win in as many fights by knocking out towering Hans Brendemühl in the second heat and Albert Westphal came through with a points win over Hans Drabes in a heavyweight six. Karlheinz Guder, now campaigning as a middle, punched out a win over Herbert Soodmann over six rounds and Joe Buck, called the "Pocket Marciano" in Germany, fought the best bout of the evening against Kurt Krahnen, with whom he drew in a good feathers six. Hans Ducree made his pro debut a success by blitzing Heinrich Block in the opening stanza of a middles bout and Hans Gangfuss edged out Costa Stratiu, Greece, in a lightie four.

▶ Paris. At the Mutualité, Maurice Mols, the French heavyweight champ, retained his standing by defeating his leading challenger, Lucien Touzard, in a good ten-rounder. This was not a title affair. Blond André Pierson fought a draw with André Younsi in a feathers eight and Bel Arabe whipped Morin in a lightie six. At the Stadium, Tino Albanèse scored a monotonous points win over veteran Ali Amrane in a middles ten and Baldachino drew with Serènus in a middles six. At the Central, Brahim Kettani upset Roger Farragu by licking the favorite in a welter eight and Colombet drew with Eboli in a lightie six.

▶ St. Jean de Luz, France. Victor Pepeder resumed his winning way with a good points win over mediocre Lucien Méraint in a feathers ten. At Sens, Robert Gillet lost out to Demeulemeester in a lightie ten and the Spanish lightweight novice, Angel Argimiro, won over Lizak in a six-rounder. At Rabat, Abdelkader ben Miloud, long absent in the States, returned to stop the dangerous Spanish welter, Juan Caballero, in five rounds. Jean Dos Santos won over Milou in a feathers eight.

▶ Geneva, Switzerland. The rugged Franco-Polish middle, Stanis Pasek, checked in here with a good win over the promising Italian, Salvatore Boi, over eight rounds.

▶ Sondrio, Italy. Letterio Petilli nodded Cosimo Pezzuto in a feathers eight and Gianni Calabrèse got the better of veteran Orfeo Meneghini in a middles six. At Pavia, Aldo Chiesa showed improvement by licking Aristide Dal Piaz in a middles eight.

▶ Barcelona, Spain. Kid Daniel came through with a points win over Juan Cabre in a welter eight and Rius, lightie southpaw, laced Carceran in eight.

Dropped twice in the sixth round by Tuzo Portuguez, veteran Central American middleweight, Max Resch of Germany rallied to win out at the end of ten rounds in their bout at the Sports Palace, Berlin, Germany.

▶ Thorembaix, Belgium. Abel Soudan, national welter king, stopped Emil Koch of Germany in the seventh round of a good scrap while at Grivegnée, Josse Vervoort scored over Roger Moine in a feathers eight.

▶ Hamburg, Germany. At last programs have been started here for the build-up of young talent, in the style of the smaller Paris halls. A good crowd of 2,500 supported the venture. Albert Hack won the chief bout, defeating crude but forceful Albert Westphal in a hard cruiser eight while Walter Lemm decisioned Hans Drabes in a heavyweight six. Young Ossi Büttner fought his way to a draw with big Horst Herold, 198, over six rounds and Uwe Janssen panned Winfried Henne for the full count in the opening session of their cruiser argument. Jack Subero, colored middleweight from Trinidad, outfought Karlheinz Bücher in a six-round curtain raiser.

▶ Paris. There was a packed house at the Salle Wagram to watch Sauveur Chiocca, elegant welter star, deal with rugged Gerd Müller, recent kayo winner against Ciccarelli. The Corsican is, of course, top-class in Europe and he defeated the hardy Teuton but not without considerable difficulty. Müller won several of the early by his forcing but Chiocca dropped him for a brief count in the seventh. The visitor regained his feet at once and finished the fight badly blown but still a very good loser. Duchaissang laced Zeghadi in a lightweight eight and Marcel Boudier upset Jean Santanbien by whipping the latter in a good lightie ten. At Dijon, Salvatore Vangi outpointed Jacinto Santin of Spain in a feathers ten. At Coutances, Robert Guivarch astounded one and all by narrowly outscoring André Drille in a middles ten. Drille has been out of action recently following an appendectomy.

▶ St. Nazaire, France. A crowd of 2,600 spectators paid around £1,500 to watch blond Charles Colin defend his national cruiser title against the Algerian, Ahmed Boulgroune, who has done well in European circles recently. The champion was in great form and missed a couple of chances to finish the bout, and in the thirteenth had Boulgroune nearly out on his feet. But the Algerian made a tremendous effort and came back to hold Colin to a draw after fifteen bitter rounds. At Marseilles, Gracieux Lamperti finished off Pietro Scoccimarro of Italy in the fifth heat of a feathers debate.

▶ Paris. At the Mutualite, two excellent welter contests were billed. In one, Idrissa Dione boxed his way to a fine points victory over Michel Lombradet and in the other ten-rounder, Jacques Herbillon battered Claude Lapourielle to defeat via the points route. At Rennes, Moustique Meslem stopped Marcel Mathieu in the eighth of a feathers affair and Ilary iced the Abyssinian feather, Berhane, in round one.

▶ Liege, Belgium. Now that Fred Galiana has surrendered the European feathers title, promoter Frans Reis is anxious to get Jean Sneyers placed as a leading contender. To this end Hogan Kid Bassey, the dynamic Nigerian puncher, was brought over from Liverpool, a man who has already stopped Sneyers before the limit. On this occasion the men started off at a tremendous pace, with the Bassey attacking fiercely and Sneyers boxing cooly and using splendid footwork. At the end of the fourth round, Bassey had a cut over the left eye and the doctor forbade him come out when the gong sounded for the fifth. Still fresh and utterly disgusted. Bassey left the ring. Parliamentary attacks on boxing have made the Belgians perhaps too careful. Abel Soudan won over Freddie Teichmann, Germany, when the latter was taken out of action by the ref during the tenth heat and André Valignat, France, upset Jean Rénard by decisioning him in a feathers ten. Jo Woussem nodded Juan Alvarez in a feathers eight and Jean Hoeffler iced Elie Tréfois in the third of a welter discussion.

▶ Barcelona, Spain. The national flyweight king, José Ogazon, fought a good draw over eight rounds here with local star Lopez Durban and Heinz Sattler, the Roumanian-born German middleweight, did very well to score over Manuel Correa in another eight. At Malaga, Young Martin limbered up with a two round knockout of Juanito Cid in a flyweight bout.

▶ Dortmund, Germany. A crowd of 1,800 at the Westfalen Hall saw Hans Kalbfell chalk up yet another quick victory, this time with Werner Wiegand, 223, providing the opposition. Wiegand began well but in the second round he was dropped by a crisp right for "7", regained his feet and fought back desperately. A furious exchange took place and here the powerhouse punching of Kalbfell gained him the advantage. Wiegand lolled back against the ropes, completely exhausted and raised an arm in surrender. Kalbfell is advancing at tremendous pace and wins his fights in convincing manner.

William Besmanoff, 192, was too strong for clever Don Ellis, 176, and won a clear points victory over eight rounds, though Ellis gave an excellent display of defensive tactics. Leo Starosch, 165, fought very gamely but is no longer the force of yore and was obliged to retire at the end of the fourth round in his battle with Karlheinz Guder, 154. Karlheinz Bick flattened courageous Heinz Klein, 136, in four and Hans Strelecki blasted out Karl Gröbner, 162, in two. Joe Buck opened up hostilities with a two-round knockout of the Greek featherweight, Costa Stratiu.

▶ Varese, Italy. The visiting Spanish bantam, José Crespo, threw a spanner into the works here by putting the skids under southpaw puncher Giancarlo Dugini.

▶ Paris, France. A tremendous lightweight duel took place at the Palais des Sports, a bout which aroused great interest and made the program a social as well as a sporting occasion. Ali Khan attended, also a minister and numerous film stars. Neither Felix Chiocca nor Séraphin Ferrer appear to be interested in the French title but they were both in fact battling for the honour of being the best lightweight in France. Their first meeting was a draw. On this occasion, Chiocca tore in like a whirlwind for most of the fight, pinking out his left, uppercutting with either hand, while Ferrer returned the fire viciously. After three fairly equal rounds, Chiocca forged ahead but took a shellacking in the sixth, only to come back with a superb rally in the next frame. The Corsican pursued his advantage and kept up the tremendous pace until the final gong. Chiocca won on points after ten rounds and may thus meet Loi for the European title. Alphonse Halimi won his most important bout to date, decisioning the clever Filipino, Tanny Campo, in a bantam ten without the expected fireworks although the fans were certainly stupefied when a counter-attack of Campo's made Halimi slip to the canvas in the tenth round. Jacques Dugènie made one of his rare and usually successful appearances by outscoring Jean Ruellet in a middles eight and Jo Ventaja won easily over Lucien Chapel in the second round of a feathers bout, Chapel being ruled out for butting. Emile Vidal stopped the gallant German heavy, Albert Duscha, in six rounds. Duscha had the misfortune of scoring an upset win too early in his pro career—whipping Peyre in Belgium—and now suffers the danger of being overmatched.

▶ Geneva, Switzerland. Pierre Mondino, the young welter prospect from Lyons, scored quite an upset here by outpointing the Italian champion, blond Umberto Vernaglione, in a closely-fought ten rounder.

▶ Rotterdam, Holland. A packed house at the Ahoy Hall watched Leen Jansen add to his growing list of kayo wins by stopping George Lavery, champion of Northern Ireland, in the ninth round. Piet van Klaveren licked the Liverpool lightie, Syd Greb, in a good ten-rounder and Peter King, Manchester mulatto, scored the only British win by stopping mediocre Theun Brommer in the sixth round of a welter debate. Jansen and Van Klaveren have both suffered only one defeat as professionals.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
By Ike Morales

Action slowed up somewhat during the month of October, but local boxing promoters were preparing for a busy fall campaign, with the hopes of landing a number of attractions that would assure fine entertainment, large crowds and good box-office.

New Orleans now boasts of three promoters. Aside from the Louisiana Boxing Club (Bonnie Geigerman and J. T. Owen) and Frankling AC (Heard Ragas) the boxing commission issued a license to the Irish Channel Boxing Club (Allen LaCombe and Tom Russell).

All three promoters are anxious to sign a number of "name" fighters to show here—against Ralph Dupas, Charley Joseph, Willie Pastrano and lightweight champion Joe Brown.

Brown has been inactive since winning the world's lightweight title from Wallace Bud Smith in the local auditorium last August. But Joe's injury suffered in the title bout is sufficiently mended and the champion has already started gym work.

There was speculation that Brown would make one or two "warmup" or non-title fights before moving into a championship. The champ admitted he was anxious to get back into the swing of things.

▶ Willie Pastrano's right hand, injured since his victory over Pat McMurtry last August, is slowly mending. Willie has been flooded with offers. He was being considered for a television fight with Heinz Neuhaus, the former European heavyweight champion, and another with Harry Kid Matthews in Portland, Ore.

Portland also wants Pastrano for an encore with Pat McMurtry, confident the fight would do better than the $50,000 gate for their first engagement at Tacoma, Wash.

▶ Charley Joseph, local middleweight contender, turned the tables on Willie Vaughn in their return natural, in the Coliseum arena. But, like in their first meeting last August, the encore was decided via a split decision.

A majority of the 2,945 paid customers who were responsible for a $5,938.78 net gate disagreed with the verdict. But there was no denying the fact that Joseph and Vaughn staged an interesting battle throughout the 10 rounds.

Joseph and Vaughn were in top condition for the second fight. They had to be, for the pace set was terrific. Vaughn took some healthy hook shots to the head and never failed to meet Joseph in an exchange of punches.

There was only one knockdown during the 10 rounds, Joseph sending Vaughn to the canvas with a left hook to the jaw in the ninth. Supporters of the local middleweight thought the end was near, but when the California boy got off the deck, he more than held his own with Charley for the remainder of the round.

Both fighters weathered a heavy bombardment, and while Joseph's punches appeared more destructive, it was Vaughn who landed the more blows—a style that appeared more appealing to the fans.

Judge Frederick Adams scored the fight for Vaughn, 4-3-3, while Judge Ernest Cajoe tabbed it for Joseph, 5-4-1. However, Referee Roland Brown cast the deciding vote in favor of Joseph with a lopsided 6-2-2 scoring.

Joseph, who weighed 158 pounds to Vaughn's 160, entered the ring a 1 to 2 favorite, despite a loss to Vaughn in their first meeting.

Promoter Ragas' entire show was one of the best-actioned cards held in some time. The supporting bouts were limited to four rounds.

Johnny Powell decisioned George Touzant, while Joey Guys repeated his first knockout over Earl Gray, finishing the latter in the fourth round after dropping Earl several times. Al Carter upset Willie Lee in a split decision contest.

One of the more improved youngsters, Eddie Davis, chalked up his fifth straight pro victory at the expense of Dave Dupass, while Joe Cook won a unanimous verdict over Leonard Sterling. Davis and Cook are managed by Joe Zwirek, former member of the boxing commission.

ARK-LA JABS
By Bill McIntyre

A COOK'S TOUR—Clarence Cook, the transplanted Louisiana middleweight now fighting out of St. Louis, made it two in a row over Del Flanagan of St. Paul, Minn., when he decisively outpointed the Fightin' Irishman in 10 rounds at Monroe.

Cook had carved out a split-decision triumph over Flanagan just one month earlier, but that verdict failed to get public support. The second go-round left little room for dispute.

Cook's best round was the sixth when he had the veteran Gopher State middleweight in a confused state with blood pouring from a gash under his left eye. The ex-Bastrop, La., slugger worked over the eye through the final four rounds and won going away.

Flanagan tried to put across a knockout in the final chapter but Clarence stayed in there and slugged away toe-to-toe to keep the 3,500 spectators roaring in approval. The attendance was some 800 persons less than the September turnout.

Johnny McKoin, 140, Bastrop, continued his sensational rise with a 4th round TKO over Pat Brown, 143, Victoria, Tex.; Al Boudreau, 142, New Orleans, TKO'd Henry Nelson, 140, Bronx, N. Y., in the 2nd round after being down for an 8-count in the 1st; Kid Lowery, 158, St. Louis, polished off Billy Dixon, 172, Shreveport, in two heats; Al Jones, 158, St. Louis, TKO'd Columbus Marshall, 156, Shreveport, in the 3rd.

▶ LAKE CHARLES CUTUPS—Ervin Chaline, 145, Lake Charles, TKO'd Joe Polanco, 145, Houston, in the 5th round of a scheduled 8-rounder at Lake Charles on Oct. 30th when the Texas battler, a last-minute substitute for Houston's Teddy (Red Top) Moseley, collapsed from fatigue. The end came after 2:55 of the 5th.

In the semi-windup Junior Flores, 126, Port Arthur, Tex., copped his 11th straight professional win with a 2nd round TKO of Donald Broussard, 127, Lake Charles.

It was Lake Charles' first pro boxing venture of the season.

▶ AROUND AND ABOUT—The Louisiana Golden Gloves eliminations will take place at Lafayette in late February. The North Louisiana regionals are scheduled for Shreveport in January. . . .

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. Jimmie Amann

When the Cincinnati Boxing Commission turned thumbs down on Murray Burnette, Chicago heavy, as an opponent for Cincy's Frank Perry early in November, the Becker brothers, Sam and Benny, turned around and applied for an early December date which would feature former heavyweight champion Ezz Charles and Franky Perry appearing in a double main event against different foes. The date is still kicking around, coupled with Benny's illness, who does the matchmaking for the club.

AROUND FOUNTAIN SQUARE WITH THE PUNCHERS AND THEIR PILOTS. . . Paul Pusateri, veteran Cincinnati sportsman and boxing judge, died on October 15 from at heart attack . . . my address is 6716 Palmetto St., Cincinnati 27, Ohio . . . "Cowboy Guery" who fought as a bantamweight and feather in the late 20's and early 30's now operates a service station in Cincinnati . . . correct name Bill Losito . . . Ezz Charles has opened a new restaurant on Reading Road in Cincy . . . and so until next month adios.

BOXING NEWS OF LOUISVILLE, KY.
By Joe Martin

THE CARDINAL BOXING CLUB HELD ITS THIRD BOXING SHOW in the ballroom of the Sheraton-Seelbach Hotel on Oct. 30, 1956. They had two eight's, two six's and one four round bout.

Sherman Williams, 160, Louisville, won split decision over Charles Glover, 163, Cincinnati, in 8 rounds. Billy Hester, 161, Louisville, decisioned George Boddie, 163, Dayton, in 8 rounds.

Frank Perry, 178, Cincinnati, decisioned Bobby Gordon, 170, Huntington, W. Va., in 6 rounds. Billy Tuck, 160, Louisville, decisioned William Desmond, 162, Indianapolis, in 6 rounds, and Ruddell Stitch, 145, Louisville, won on a T.K.O. in first round over Premius Williams, 146, Cincinnati.

Some of the bouts were good and some were dull, but overall the show was a success. The most exciting battle of the evening came in one of the top featured eight-rounders when Sherman Williams and Charles Glover threw enough leather to shoe an army.

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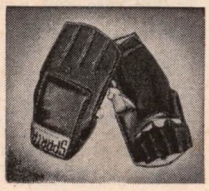

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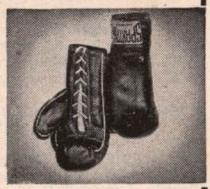

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while. Hence at this stage, as in many parts of the States, Boxing Commissions hold on to their political assignments without having any work to do. Were it not for the amateurs, they might as well close shop.

In the Fiji Islands, where professional boxing preceded the amateur sport, the money chasers are not much more in number than the simon pures. In one class alone, Charman has a total of 98 pupils. The club's headquarters are packed with youths aged 15 and upward seeking instruction.

No one is permitted to take the free course until he has been passed by a medical board consisting of Drs. G. F. Hemmings, T. H. Allen, A. S. Foster, D. Singh, D. J. Oldmeadow, R. E. Shaw and Assistant Medical Practitioner Sadhu. It is quite an outfit and considering the location of the Fiji Islands and the newness of the sport in the Colony, what is taking place there is simply amazing.

While pro boxing is practically at a standstill in Hawaii, Al Karasick's wrestling shows pack 'em weekly. Since his cards are staged on Sunday evening, he obtains considerable of his patronage from the large tourist delegation.

Hawaii no longer is a season resort. Many new hotels have been built during the past year and the tourist trade keeps wrestling going.

MIDDLES MAINTAIN INTEREST

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providers than any other. Calhoun, Fullmer, Ralph Jones, Giardello, Turner, and Humez are all slam-bangers. In fact, the middleweights dominate the top ten TV favorites.

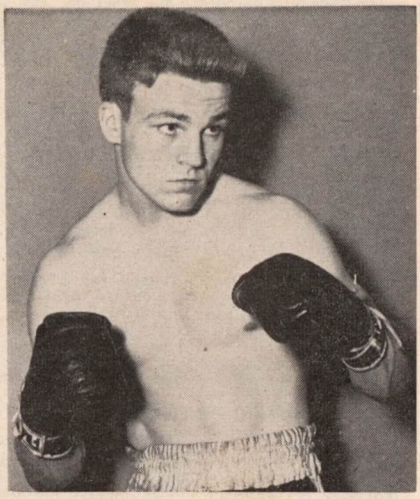
Since 1945, when RING began to select the "Fight of the Year", the middleweights and heavyweights are tied, each having produced four. Of the seven "Rookie of the Year" awards, four have been captured by 160 pounders.

MOORE AND PATTERSON FIRST FAMOUS AS 160 POUNDERS

Archie Moore and Floyd Patterson not only started their fistic careers as 160 pounders but both gained their first fame in that division, Floyd as winner of the Olympic games middleweight title in Helsinki in 1952, and Archie as a top contender for the title from 1940 to 1945. Now they're settling who will succeed Rocky Marciano.

Among the odd records held by the middleweights are; the first to wear the black and white, and white and black trunks for Television when Cerdan kayoed Harold Green in New York on March 28, 1947. More southpaw champions than any other class, four,—Lou Brouillard, Johnny Wilson, Al McCoy and Tiger Flowers; largest attendance at a fight, for the Zale-Billy Pryor bout at Milwaukee, Wisc., 135,000 fans, at a free show staged by the Fraternal Order of Eagles. The largest indoor boxing take, Zale vs. Graziano, in Chicago—$422,918.

Whenever fistic news is made you will find the middleweight class right in the thick of the news.



JIMMY MORTELL

At twenty-one Jimmy Mortell is a favorite of Chicago fans. He is just about ready to break out of the pre-lim class with a record that has Windy City fans touting him highly as a prospect.

In ten bouts he has won nine, icing six of his opponents. Mortell tosses punches at a mile a minute clip in a free swinging style that has his manager Frankie Sagilio predicting a big future for his charge.

BOB BAKER LAZY? WELL, HE'S NO DYNAMO

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Few fighters have had more all around ability than Charley Burley, much feared Pittsburgh battler of the pre-Second World War days. He was a superior fighter in every way but in determination and ambition. In justice to Burley he was so respected by rivals, and found it so difficult to get matches, this may have contributed to his lackadaisical approach to his profession.

Bobby Dykes, just about at the end of the trail, is another who although reasonably successful in his ring carreer, never seemed to be going all out in most of his bouts. Six feet tall, with an unorthodox cleverness, and surprising power packed in his pipe stem arms, Dykes, to quote one description of him, fought with a Southern drawl.

This was just another way of saying that Bobby's languid style had the unhurried "*all the time in the world, don't rush me*" tempo of the Dixie Dialect.

Bobby did well in the ring, barred no man in a long and active career and was a genuine credit to the sport, but there will always be speculation that just a little more fire in his temperament would have made him champion.

GONSALVES AND GIAMBRA ALSO "MEMBERS OF CLUB"

California's Johnny Gonsalves is much the same, lacking only Dykes' unorthodoxy. The Coast Mexican, a phenomenal amateur champion, always seems content to exhibit his uncannily clever style and devil-take-the-decision. Now, this is probably not the case at all, but that is the way it has always appeared, with Gonsalves refusing to expend just that little extra effort which would have turned his rare defeats into victories.

Buffalo's Joey Giambra is a picture boxer in action, but many hold the opinion the handsome upstate New Yorker is satisfied to remain just that, without exploiting his unusual talents to the fullest.

Overseas there has been criticism of Italy's Dulio Loi on the same score. The gifted European titlist has a disturbing tendency to fight no harder than he has to, a quirk which has proved most annoying to his partisan countrymen, who want to see their standard bearer go all out for the honor of Sunny Italy.

Sometimes it is hard to distinguish between laziness and caution, but Jersey Sam Rose, veteran fight manager, says he has the answer to that, "If an easy moving fighter gets the other guy going, and still lies back for no reason at all, then he's lazy, but he gets the other guy going and then turns into a tiger, he's not lazy but cautious." Sam explains.

There were times when Joe Louis appeared to be just lazing along but this was strictly camouflage. Suddenly his fists would come flashing out of his laggardly glide, like thunderbolts. Although he never seemed to be in any great hurry, Louis was a hard camp worker, putting in long hours of boxing and conditioning.

There is a complete unanimity of opinion that the hardest working fighter of all time as well as the most inspired, was retired champion Rocky Marciano. Only tireless toiler, Beau Jack, ex-lightweight king, could give Rocky any kind of a run for his money here.

As veteran manager Jimmy Bronson aptly puts it, "*Give that Baker just one percent of Marciano's hard working determination and no man in the world could stay in the ring with him. But then, if he had that, he probably would be lacking in something else, after all nobody can have everything.*"

NEWS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

THE highlights of the month was the disqualification of Ezzard Charles, former World's Heavyweight Champion, for persistent holding, in his contest with Dick Richardson. The Stewards of The British Boxing Board of Control, held a special meeting to discuss the fiasco and fined the ex-champ £200 (560 dollars) for his part of the disappointing contest. The suffering paying public received NO SATISFACTION, and one wonders whether this may have some repercussion on the next Jack Solomons show in December, when Nino Valdes will test Dick Richardson in his advance to The World's Heavyweight Title.

Pat McAteer successfully defended his British and Empire titles against Lew Lazar of Aldgate. Some two years ago, I wrote that both Lew Lazar and Terrence Murphy who fought a terrific battle at Harringay Arena, will feel the effects of this battle. Murphy retired from actual boxing and Lazar has not shown his previous good form. Pat Mac, as McAteer is known, is now a Gym Instructor in The Merchant Marine Service. Dai Dower, British and Empire Flyweight Champion, is doing his National Service as Private Dai Dower in the Welsh Regiment.

Great Britain's Heavyweight Champion Joe Erskine will be back in action in January after a severe eye injury.

▶ HARRINGAY ARENA. Jack Solomons opened his Winter season with one of the biggest fiascos ever in British Boxing, when Ezzard Charles, Ex-Heavyweight Champion of the World, met Dick Richardson, Newport, in a scheduled ten rounds contest.

More than 10,000 fans had assembled to see Richardson given his first big-time test, but they were to be disappointed in the fare dished up for them.

The bout hadn't been under way for more than thirty seconds when Referee Frank Wilson (appointed by the BBBC to handle the contest) cautioned Charles for holding. The same thing happened seconds later, and it seemed that the referee was only able to see Charles holding. From where I sat Richardson was equally to blame.

The referee then took Charles by the arm and walked him over to his corner when he informed Manager Tom Tannas that he wished him to tell Charles not to hold. Somebody had probably forgotten to tell Wilson that English is the native tongue in the U.S.A.

Richardson was not experienced enough to cope with the clutching hands of Charles, and tried rushing methods with head down and swinging both hands. It would have been more profitable had he stepped back and punched at the shadow of an ex world champion. The crowd, the biggest sufferer, took the disqualification badly, and it was only prompt and concerted action by the Harringay Arena Stewards that prevented ugly scenes.

One could feel really sorry for Promoter Jack Solomons who was out to prove that his confidence in the Young Welshman was not misplaced, but overzealousness on the part of the referee and an echo of Charles' past greatness marred what should have been a great sendoff to the 1956-57 British boxing season.

Charles weighed 195, to Richardson's 196¼.

▶ Surely one of the best featherweight prospects these Islands have seen in some time is Bobby Neill, Scotland, 127¼, who, undefeated in fourteen bouts, scored his best win to date when he stopped former French and European Champion, Ray Famechon, 128¼, in the fifth of a scheduled ten rounder. Neill was boss all the way through, and Famechon wisely retired when both his eyebrows were gashed in the fifth session. . . . Sammy McCarthy, Stepney, 137, outpointed Johnny Mann, Birmingham, 135¾, over ten rounds. . . . Tommy Molloy, Liverpool, 145½, stopped Jimmy Newman, Walthamstow, 145¾, in the second of a scheduled ten rounder. . . . Freddie Cross, Nuneaton, 158, knocked out Roy Francis, Brixton, 158¼, in the fifth. . . . Len "Luggie" Reece, Cardiff, 112½, outpointed Eric Brett, Retford, 114½, over six. . . . Fenwick Ward, Trinidad, 214, outpointed Eddie Hearn, Battersea, 208½, over six rounds.

▶ LIVERPOOL STADIUM. Martin Hansen, Liverpool, 159, won in good fashion from Billy Ellaway, Liverpool, 160, when he stopped Ellaway in the tenth and final session. Hansen had piled up a commanding points lead, but not content with that he tore into Ellaway in the final round and had the lad in real trouble. When Ellaway was obviously in no condition to defend himself, Referee Tommy Little called it a day.

Albert Scott, Transvaal, 172¼, stopped Neville Rowe, Australia, 172½, in the fourth of a scheduled eight rounder. Rowe retired with a badly gashed eyebrow. . . . Johnny Barr, Stockport, 133, outpointed Billy Anderson, Liverpool, 131, in their six rounder. . . . Frankie Kelly, Liverpool, 124½, outpointed Eddie Burns, Liverpool, 123, over four. . . . Terry Burnett, Cardiff, 134½, outpointed Jimmy Cottrill, Birkenhead, 138, over four rounds.

▶ NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB. Colin Barber, Sutton-in-Ashfield, 126½, outpointed Jim Shackleton, Australia, 126½, over eight rounds. . . . George Whelan, Chiswick, 133, outpointed Sammy Odell, Nigeria, 131, over eight. . . . Wally Scott, West Ham, 159, knocked out Ron Duncombe, Jersey, 160¼, in the third. . . . Alan Sillett, Acton, 117½, stopped Bill Downer, Stoke Newington, 117¼, in the fourth. . . . Johnny Howard, Holloway, 122½, won narrowly over Pat McCairn, Bethnal Green, 127¼, after six hard rounds.

▶ BELFAST. There was a surprise ending to the bout between Paddy Graham, Belfast, 139, and Peter Cobblah, Gold Coast, 139, when in the last round, referee Billy Duncan halted the proceedings before a blow had been struck. He examined Cobblah's left eye which was bleeding slightly, and then stopped the contest awarding the decision to Graham. A strange ending indeed.

Sammy Hamilton, Belfast, 159¼, outpointed Jackie Braddock, Manchester, 162½, over eight rounds. . . . Roy Weir, Belfast, 146, won from Pat Price, Newry, 142½, when the latter was disqualified in the fourth for holding. . . . Billy Adams, Belfast, 120, stopped Dave Walsh, Belfast, 125½, in the fourth. . . . Jim Fane, Belfast, 133½, outpointed Jim Sharpe, Belfast, 134½, over six rounds.

▶ WALSALL. Phil Edwards, Cardiff, 163½, outpointed Colin Spittle, Brierley Hill, 164, over eight rounds. . . . Peter Woodward, Birmingham, 178½, outpunched Egbert Jordan, Cardiff, 178, and the referee halted the bout in the third. . . . Eddie Bee, Cardiff, 144½, knocked out Tommy Barnabas, Hollywell, 150, in the third. . . . Ronnie Rush, Cardiff, 136, stopped Ansong Mensah, Trinidad, 135½, in the third. . . . Johnny McMullen, Cardiff, 146, stopped Danny Robins, Gloucester, 142½, in the second session. . . . Dai Marchant, Cardiff, 126, outpointed Derek Reynolds, Old Colwyn, 126, over four rounds.

▶ GREAT YARMOUTH. Abe Vorster, South Africa, 147¾, scored a convincing win over Jeff Dudu, Nigeria, 149, over eight hard fought rounds. Vorster had the colored six footer in trouble early in the first round, but Dudu's superb condition enabled him to survive and come back for more. Vorster ran up a commanding lead to secure the referee's nod at the end. . . . Fred Britton, King's Lynn, 163, and Bonny Garroway, British Guiana, 162½, drew over six. . . . Ian Frazer, Askern, 139½, outpointed Bobby Gill, Jamaica, 141, over six. . . . Bob Roberts, Jamaica, 141, stopped Dennis Preston, Covent Garden, 137, in the fourth. . . . Derek Liversidge, Retford, 141, outpointed Joe Rufus, Nigeria, 145½, over six. . . . Ken Brady, Worksop, 197, and Tommy Cummings, Eire, 188, drew over six rounds.

▶ WEMBLEY TOWN HALL. Peter Smith, Huddersfield, 147¼, outpointed Tony Chellis, Euston, 145¼, over eight rounds. . . . Billy Kerinan, Hammersmith, 146½, and Jimmy Norcott, Stepney, 141½, drew over six. . . . Eddie Lennon, Dublin, 162, stopped George Corcoran, Notting Hill, 161¾, in the second. . . . George Smith, Peckham, 147¾, outslugged Chris Charles, Covent Garden, 145¼, over six rounds. . . . Arthur Devlin, Millwall, 127, outpointed Billy Alport, Walsall, 130, over six. . . . Peter Sexton, Camberwell, 126, stopped Dennis Sanders, Boreham Wood, 127¼, in the third.

▶ BELFAST. Ernie Fossey, Islington, 138, and John McNally, Belfast, 132½, drew over eight rounds. . . . Jim Fisher, Belfast, 128½, easily outpointed Teddy Barker, Swindon, 130, over eight. . . . Al Thomas, Belfast, 134½, and Pat Price, Newry, 138½, slugged it out for eight rounds with the nod going to Thomas. . . . Jim Loughrey, Derry, 112½, outpointed Billy Adams, Belfast, 116½, over six. . . . Len Donnelly, Derry, 137½, knocked out Tommy Bleeks, Stewartstown, 135, in the first.

▶ BUXTON. Johnny Barr, Stockport, 126, outpointed Charles Odumasi, Gold Coast, 125½, over six closely contested rounds. . . . Ken Ashwood, Derby, 148½, outpointed Cliff Lawrence, Rotherham, 148, over six. . . . Billy Wallage, Beeston, 147, outpointed Gene Gorlan, Whaley Bridge, 148, over six. . . . Ken Wyatt, Mexborough, 194, defeated Don McCall, Skipton, 173, on points over six rounds.

▶ LIVERPOOL STADIUM. Leo Molloy, Birkenhead, 138½, outpointed Syd Greb, Liverpool, 136, over eight rounds. . . . Ray Hillyard, Leeds, 132, notched a six rounds point win at the expense of Billy Anderson, Liverpool, 129. . . . Don Martin, Formby, 138,

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

TO NOVEMBER 24, 1956

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Joe Erskine (E)	Yolande Pompey (T)	Pat McAteer (E)	Darby Brown (A)
2. James J. Parker (C)	Gordon Wallace (C)	Jimmy Elliott (SA)	George Barnes (A)
3. Johnny Williams (E)	Alex Buxton (E)	Mike Holt (SA)	Atiu Clottey (WA)
4. Joe Bygraves (J)	Arthur Howard (E)	Johnny Sullivan (E)	Peter Waterman (E)
5. Henry Cooper (E)	Yvon Durelle (C)	Yama Bahama (E)	Hector Constance (T)
6. Kitione Lave (To)	Johnny Halifihi (To)	Martin Hansen (E)	Arthur King (C)
7. Dick Richardson (W)	Ron Barton (E)	Lew Lazar (E)	Peter King (E)
8. Alan Williams (A)	Albert Finch (E)	Wilf Greaves (C)	Frank Johnson (E)
9. Brian London (E)	Joveci Bau (F)	Billy McDonnell (A)	Evie Vorster (SA)
10. Ken Brady (A)	Ricardo Marcos (A)	Barry Brown (NZ)	Joe Ngidi (SA)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Willie Toweel (SA)	Hogan Bassey (WA)	Peter Keenan (S)	Dai Dower (W)
2. Richie Howard (C)	Elijah Mokone (SA)	Kevin James (A)	Frank Jones (S)
3. Johnny v. Rensberg	Charley Hill (S)	Graham v. d. Walt (SA)	Dick Currie (S)
4. Joe Lucy (E)	Bobby Neill (S)	John Smillie (S)	Bindi Jack (A)
5. Boswell St Louis (T)	Jimmy Brown (I)	George Dormer (E)	Dennis Adams (SA)
6. Jason Radebe (WA)	Matt Fulton (S)	Louis Joshua (SA)	Ezekial Shole (SA)
7. Willie Lloyd (W)	Sammy Bonnici (M)	Peter Moledi (SA)	Ado Garuba (WA)
8. Dave Charnley (E)	Percy Lewis (E)	Jimmy Carson (A)	Gerry Jooste (SA)
9. Sammy McCarthy (E)	Roy Jacobs (WA)	Pat Supple (C)	Little Joe (WA)
10. Col Clarke (A)	Young Sandy (WA)	Teddy Rainbow (A)	John Mtimkulu (SA)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (B) Barbadoes; (BE) Bermuda; (BG) British Guiana; (BH) British Honduras; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (GC) Gold Coast; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (TO) Tonga; (W) Wales; (WA) West Africa.

stopped Derek Clarke, Burnleym, 136, in the fifth. . . . Tommy Summers, Bootle, 164, took a six rounds points win from Jackie Scott, Preston, 170. . . . Danny Morgan, Pontefract, 162, stopped Gordon Mason, Manchester, 158, in the fourth.

▶SPALDING. Teddy Barker, Swindon, outpointed Tony Russell, Leeds, over eight. . . . Tex Woodward, Bristol, outpointed Steve Gee, Nottingham, in a six round welterweight bout. . . . Johnny Mercer, Nottingham, outscored Sammy Royals, Gloucester, over six. . . . Johnny Charles, Daventry, knocked out Ron Bishton, Derby, in the third. . . . Barrie Ward, Nottingham, knocked out Barry Wingfield, Beeston, in the third.

▶SHOREDITCH. George Dormer, East Ham, 119¾, stopped Ron Johnson, Bethnal Green, 119¾, in the fourth of a scheduled eight rounder. . . . Ron Richardson, Canning Town, 147¼, outpointed Tony Barrett, Pimlico, 148¼, over eight. . . . Alan Sillett, Acton, 118¼, stopped Lai Yusef, Nigeria, 119½, in the fifth. . . . Pat McCairn, Bethnal Green, 126½, stopped Ken Thomas, Covent Garden, 127¼, in the sixth. . . . Tommy Leroy, Redhill, 163½, outpointed Ron Wild, Bethnal Green, 157¼, in an exciting six rounder.

▶NOTTINGHAM ICE RINK. Pat McAteer, Birkenhead, 159, successfully defended his British and Empire Middleweight Crowns when he stopped Lew Lazar, Aldgate, 157, in the fourth of a scheduled fifteen rounder. McAteer boxed in great form to outpunch his game opponent. Lazar took severe punishment in the third round and although he gamely rose from three "nine" counts, referee Ike Powell decided that the Londoner had taken enough punishment and wisely applied the close.

Martin Hansen, Liverpool, 160½, outpointed Jean Ruellet, France, 158¼, over eight rounds. . . . Kitione Lave, Tonga, 207½, outpointed Harry Wills, U.S.A., 212½, over eight rounds. . . . Albert Scott, Transvaal, 173, stopped Ken Gardner, Newport, 182, in the third. . . . Billy Cobb, Chesterfield, 147¼, stopped Danny Larty, Gold Coast, 144½, in the fifth. . . . Eric Brett, Retford, 119, stopped Fred Wingfield, 112¾, in the first.

▶NEWCASTLE. Frank Johnson, Manchester, 147, had to fight hard all the way to notch a narrow points win over Pierre Wouters, Belgium, 146.

Jim McGuiness, Glasgow, 144, outpointed Stan Skinkiss, Manchester, 143, over eight. . . . Tim McGrory, Glasgow, 132½, stopped Ray Jones, Cockermouth, 132, in the second. . . . Len Mullen, Glasgow, 169, stopped Chris Rock, Choppington, 175, in the sixth and last session. . . . Jackie Carter, Morpeth, 142, outpointed Billy Kirk, Wakefield, 149, over six. . . . John O'Brian, Glasgow, 128, outscored Arthur McGregor, Middlesborough, 130, over six.

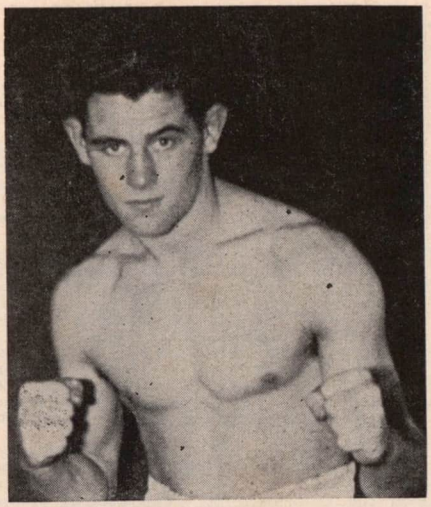
▶BIRMINGHAM. Ken Rowlands, Luton, 169, and Fred Jackson, West Ham, 175, drew over eight rounds. . . . Don McCall, Doncaster, 181, stopped Clark Mellor, New Mills, 174½, in the second session when Mellor retired with a damaged hand. . . . Fenwick Ward, Trinidad, 216½, stopped Eric Metcalf, Northwich, 189¼, in the fifth. . . . Mickey Driscoll, Brierley Hill, 136¾, stopped Jimmy Cottrill, Birkenhead, 139, in the third. . . . Jack Johnson Cofie, Gold Coast, 162½, outpointed Wally Scott, West Ham, 160½, over six rounds. . . . Dai Marchant, Cardiff, 126, outpointed Terry Russell, Liverpool, 126½, over six. . . . Tex Woodward, Bristol, 148, outscored Eddie Bee, Cardiff, 148, over six.

▶LIVERPOOL. Ebe Mensah, Gold Coast, 138, boxed cleverly to outpoint Darkie Hughes, Cardiff, 139, by a comfortable margin over eight rounds. . . . Joe Rufus, Nigeria, 145, clearly outpointed Cliff Lawrence, Rotherham, 148½, over six. . . . Gerry Bedford, Pontefract, 148, outpointed Bob Roberts, Birkenhead, 145, in their six rounder. . . . Jimmy Hernon, Manchester, 116, took three long counts in his bout with Lew Devro, Liverpool, 116, before the referee intervened. . . . Gerry Jones, Wigan, 119½, and Lol Reaney, Southport, 118, drew over four rounds.

▶BELFAST. Charlie Cosgrove, Belfast, 149½, and Ken Ashwood, Derby, 149¼, put up a dull eight rounder with Ashwood being disqualified in the final round for persistent holding. . . . Billy Corbett, Carrickfergus, 150, knocked out Tommy "Tucker" Connolly, Belfast, 147, in the third. . . . Dave Moore, Belfast, 114, stopped Jim Loughrey, Derry, 114½, in the fifth. . . . Jerry Parker, Beeston, 114, stopped Jim Osborne, Belfast, 112, in the fifth. . . . Joe Sharpe, Belfast, 135½, knocked out Benny Patterson, 134, in the second.

▶NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB. Hard hitting Abe Vorster, South Africa, 147¼, staggered Sanni Armstrong, Gold Coast, 145¾, in the opening round, but was unfortunate to damage his right hand in so doing, and thereafter during the bout this member was just a passenger. Vorster's one-handed attacks couldn't cope with the two-handed aggression of Armstrong, and when it became obvious that Vorster could not defend himself properly, referee Tommy Little wisely halted the bout in the seventh session.

Alan Howard, Holloway, 136, stopped Derek John, Catford, 136½, in the fourth round. A cut eyebrow caused the early end to the bout. . . . Terry Toole, Hackney, 124, stopped Johnny Collier, Stepney, 126¼, in the fifth. . . . Dennis Wingrove, Basildon, 161, outpointed Tommy Leroy, Redhill, 161, in an entertaining six rounder. . . . Billy Shine, Brixton, 187, lost to Tommy Cummings, Cork, 187, in the second session when a cut eyebrow caused his retirement. . . . Derek Davis, Camberwell, 144, outpointed Vic Smith, Croydon, 138, over six.



Pat McAteer of Birkenhead successfully defended his British and Empire middleweight title when he stopped Lew Lazar in the fourth round at Nottingham. Lazer was dropped three times for nine counts.

▶EPSOM. Malcolm Ames, Croydon, 130, and Sammy Odell, Nigeria, 129½, drew over eight rounds. . . . Leo Maloney, Hillingdon, 147¼, outscored Ron Richardson, Canning Town, 146, over eight rounds. . . . Jack Burley, Hackney, 142¾, lost narrowly to Tommy Lee, Croydon, 147¾, over six. . . . Al Pallent, Penge, 127½, and Dennis Saunders, Boreham Wood, 128, drew over six exciting rounds. . . . Terry Russell, Poplar, 132½, outpointed Bob Hope, Stepney, 130½, over six. . . . Billy Smith, Croydon, 157, stopped Frank Bassenger, Poole, 169, in the sixth.

▶Johnny McNally, Belfast, 135, outpointed Kurt Ernest, Exeter, 139, over eight hard fought rounds. . . . Danny McNamee, Dundee, 119, was disqualified in the sixth of an eight rounder with Billy Skelly, Belfast, 124½, for holding. . . . Sammy Cowan, Belfast, 138¼, knocked out Al Thomas, Belfast, 136½, in the second. . . . Leo McCutcheon, Lisburn, 143½, won from Len Donnelly, Derry, 137½, when the latter was disqualified in the second round for persistent holding. . . . Alex McCready, Conlig, 125, and Benny Vaun, Belfast, 124½, drew over six rounds.

▶GREAT YARMOUTH. Ayree Jackson, Gold Coast, 125, stopped Ken Lawrence, Southampton, 126, in the fourth. . . . Arthur Murphy, Camden Town, 136½, stopped Billy Wallage, Beeston, 142, in the second, when Wallage received a badly gashed eyebrow. . . . Pat Price, Newry, 138¼, outpointed Kenny Taylor, Norwich, 130¼, over six. . . . Pancho Bhattachajee, Calcutta, 110, outpointed Jerry Parker, Beeston, 11, over six. . . . Ron Bradstreet, Kentish Town, 136½, and Doug Lewis, Nottingham, 131, over six rounds. . . . Cliff Giles, Linton, 120, outpointed Dennis East, Plaistow, 120, over six rounds.

▶DERBY. Ron Rush, Trinidad, 138, outpointed Ray Akwei, Gold Coast, 136, over eight rounds. . . . Andrews Marty, Gold Coast, 127¼, and Teddy Barker, Swindon, 131, drew over eight rounds. . . . Jack Johnson Cofie, Gold Coast, 161, outpointed Dave Brandon, Durham, 159½, over eight rounds. . . . Johnny Halafi, Tonga, 177½, stopped Clark Mellor, New Mills, 176, in the first. . . . Barrie Adgie, Derby, 112½, and Fred Wingfield, Nottingham, 116, drew over six rounds. . . . Bill Clark, Derby, 140, outpointed Danny Robins, Doncaster, 138, over six rounds.

▶LEICESTER. George Aldridge, Market Harborough, 164, drew with Paddy Delargy, Ireland, 172, over six. . . . Ted Williams, Huddersfield, 177½, was outpointed over eight hard rounds by Peter Aldridge, Doncaster, 180. . . . Manuel Burgo, North Shields, 196, knocked out Cliff Purnell, Bath, 188, in the third. . . . George Roe, Wolverhampton, 164, outpointed Jimmy Lynas, Coventry, 156, over eight. . . . Johnny Williamson, Gloucester, 171½, knocked out Jackie Abbott, Halifax, 168, in the first. . . . Mick Leahy, Ireland, 151½, knocked out Steve Gee, Nottingham, 144½, in the first. . . . Ken Brady, Worksop, 197, outpointed Jim Moran, Leeds, 207, over the six rounds course.

▶EAST KIRBY. Colin Barber, Sutton-in-Ashfield, 126½, outpointed Percy James, Southport, 126¼, over eight. . . . Johnny Mercer, Nottingham, 149, boxed well to outpoint Ron Bishton, Beeston, 147, over six rounds. . . . Don Martin, Liverpool, 140¾, stopped Ian Fraser, Retford, 140, in the first. . . . Lew Devro, Southport, 116, outpointed Tony Williams, Wellingborough, 115½, over six rounds. . . . Ken Ashwood, Derby, 147, defeated Tex Woodward, Bristol, 147¼, over six.

▶LIVERPOOL STADIUM. Tommy Molloy, Liverpool, 145, gained his twenty-first pro win when he outpointed Eddie Phillips, Edinburgh, 149, over eight rounds. . . . Alan Dean, Birkenhead, 163, outpointed Dick Tiger, Nigeria, 165½, over six rounds. . . . Tommy Summers, Liverpool, 164, outpointed Tommy Turner, Manchester, 164, over six. . . . Jackie Tiler, Manchester, 124, won a comfortable points win over Derek McReynolds, Old Colwyn, 126, over four rounds. . . . John Charles, Coventry, 147, lost narrowly to Peter Fenwick, Ellesmere Port, 150, over four rounds.

▶ROYAL ALBERT HALL. British Lightweight Champion Joe Lucy, Mile End, 138, boxed in laclustre fashion and was easily beaten on points by Guy Gracia, France, 137¾, over ten rounds. The Frenchman took command from the beginning and was never at any time in danger of losing. . . . Percy Lewis, Oxford, 129¾, gave a skillful performance to outpoint former British Featherweight Champion Billy Kelly, Derry, 134, over eight rounds. . . . Sammy McCarthy, Stepney, 134¾, stopped Johnny Miller, North Shields, 136, in the sixth of a scheduled eight rounder. . . . George Whelan, Chiswick, 137, outpointed Dennis Hinson, Dagenham, 135, over eight rounds. . . . Abe Stanley, Bournemouth, 173¾, and Phil Harrington, Guildford, 175½, drew over six rounds. . . . Fred Jackson, Custom House, 174½, outpointed Eddie Wright, Mile End, 176, over eight rounds. . . . Roy Francis, Brixton, 161, stopped Ron Wild, Covent Garden, 156, in the third.

NEW ZEALAND NOTES

By Tony Gray

BULL HUGHES, 12 ST 7 LBS., OF AUSTRALIA had a quick-win over inexperienced Gabriel Borisi, 12 st 7 lbs., of Fiji. From the opening bell Hughes concentrated on the Fijian's mid-section, but took a few good lefts to the jaw himself. Hughes tried to bustle matters in the second, but Borisi was just as keen to go into action and swung a few right uppercuts at the Australian. Early in the third Hughes shook the Fijian with a left hook and right cross, then with another right put Borisi down. Up at eight, Borisi was punched from pillar to post and went down again. He beat the count but was hammered down again. Rising wearily he met another right from Hughes that sent him to the canvas and this time the ref called it a night and crowned Hughes.

Bob Wilson 10 st 2½ lbs., came back well after trailing on points to score a T.K.O. win over Sonny Samer, 10 st 6¾ lbs., in the seventh.

Alan Williams, 13 st 3 lbs., heavyweight champ of Australia, had it all over his shorter opponent, Tom Hini, 13 st heavyweight king of the South Seas, until the referee stepped in and declared it a no-contest in the third at Hastings.

Incidentally on the same program at Hastings, Olympic Games boxer Paddy Donovan took a beating over 6 rounds from Islander H. Forsyth. Donovan had no answer to Forsyth's frequent right crosses and consequently took a lot of punishment. The weights were: Donovan, 9 st 10 lbs. Forsyth, 9 st 12 lbs.

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ARIZONA BOXING NEWS
By Al Fenn

ONE OF THESE DAYS SOME REAL TOP BOXERS ARE GOING to be developed in Arizona. The reason is that both amateur and professional clubs in the state keep busy. The small clubs are the spawning grounds for young fighters. From the small clubs of today come the champions of tomorrow, as the saying goes. Arizona's best bet for the big time right now is Zora Folley who rides with a 30-2 record.

▶THE NEW YUMA SPORTS CENTER was opened with a middleweight championship fight between Jimmy Martinez and Bobcat Terrance. Terrance lost the decision. In other bouts, Nat Ish, 157, Phoenix, knocked out Willie Holmes, 160, Phoenix (3rd); Tommy Simms, 131, Phoenix, stopped Joe Cirvella, 129, Tucson (4th); Ike Thompson, 152, Phoenix, stopped Raul Montana, 160, Tucson (1st); Lou Dennefield, 151, Tucson, kayoed Rockey Arenicki, 159, New York City (4th).

▶IN TUCSON, DICK GOLDSTEIN, 155, Los Angeles, decisioned Bobcat Terrance, 150, Tucson, for promoter W. A. Washington. In the semi-main, Al (The Clown) Moore, Tucson, stopped Roberto Gonzales, Havana, in 1:40 of the second. Moore, 135; Gonzales, 133. In fours, Tommy Tucker, 145, Phoenix, TKOed Billy Ross, 145, Tucson, in 2:30 of the third; Joe Cirvella, 131, Tucson, dec. Willie Hines, 134, Phoenix; and Tony DeFazio, 177, Phoenix, dec. Clifford Gray, 180, Phoenix.

▶JIMMY MARTINEZ RETURNED to the ring wars in Tucson by beating Dick Goldstein in 10. Martinez weighed 158 and Goldstein 147. In the six-round semi, Harold Boyer, 155, Phoenix, dec. Al (The Clown) Moore. In fours, Tony DeFazio, 177, Phoenix, dec. Joe Valle, Tucson; St. Louis Kennedy dec. Freddie Louis; and Joe Phillips TKO'd Henry Flood in 2:30 of the third.

▶TONY DeFAZIO AND NATHAN ISH, both of Phoenix, fought to a six-round draw in the Tucson feature. DeFazio, 168, and Ish, 166, are real comers. In the semi, Bobcat Terrance, 155, Tucson, kayoed Big Boy Holmes, 152, Phoenix, in 1:55 of the third. In another six-rounder, Joe Valle, 190, Tucson, dec. Clifford Gray, 195, Tucson. In four-rounders, Freddie Lewis, 169, Phoenix, drew with St. Louis Kennedy, 178, Tucson; and Oscar Flores, 140, Tucson, TKOed Danny Figueroa, 137, Nogales, in 1:57 of the third.

▶GOOD SHOWS CONTINUED WITH Bobcat Terrance wining a decision over Clifton Lester at Tucson. Terrance, 147, Tucson, with one eye swollen shut, came on to win over Lester, 150, just out of the service. In the six-round semi, St. Louis Kennedy overpowered Jimmy Williams to gain a TKO victory in 1:22 of the second. Kennedy weighed 191 and Williams 190. In fours, Raul Montano, 145, Tucson, TKOed Cap Carter, 140, Tucson, in the fourth; Eddie Rand, 130, Phoenix, TKOed Jimmy Castro, 132, Tucson, in 1:41 of the second.

IN "PACIFIC N. W." RINGS
By R. D. Casey

WITH PAT McMURTRY HUNTING MOOSE IN CANADA, THE SEATTLE-TACOMA AREA blacked out fistically speaking. The promoters here really have all their eggs in one basket. When Pat doesn't fight, they just don't show. Down Portland way, promoter Tommy Moyer makes an effort to run regularly. His early card for the month was cancelled out when ex-middleweight champion Bobo Olson hung up the gloves for good, just a day before his scheduled match with Sammy Walker. Moyer's next show brought together two rated heavyweights, Eddie Machen and Johnny Holman, in a nationally televised bout.

▶PORTLAND: Explosive Eddie Machen, 194½, Redding, Calif., moved a long way toward his goal when he scored a knockout in 38 seconds of the seventh round over Chicago's Johnny Holman, 199¾, at the Armory. Machen posted his 18th straight victory in this nationally televised fight before a crowd of 1924 fans with a gate of $9,888. All through the first two heats, Eddie lashed out with a southpaw jab, occasionally tossing a right with Holman busy guarding against the assault and managing to fire a few blows of his own, nailing Eddie with a good right in the fourth which was the hardest wallop in the fight up to that time.

A six-round brawl between Tommy Thomas, ex-air force amateur star out of Portland weighing 147, and Lou Joseph, 150, Seattle, saw Thomas win. Amos Lincoln, 192, knocked out Barrie Jackson, 190, Seattle, in the second round of the bout. Sonny Ray, 170, Chicago, sparring partner of Holman's, flattened Ralph Friend, 165, Portland, in 1. Jackie Puscas, 134, Medford, Ore., outpointed Teddy Hall, 134, Seattle, in the curtain raiser of four rounds.

▶CASEY'S CORNER: . . . Pete Rademacher, Grandview, Wash., heavyweight (now a lieutenant in the Army) won the Olympic Team berth in the dreadnaught division. Pete is a familiar N.W. battler, has won many simon pure titles here and as far back as 1953 he won the National AAU heavyweight crown. . . . The Olympic Team tryouts featured N.W. heavyweights with U. of Washington's Jim McCarter, Tacoma's Mike McMurtry and Grandview's Pete Rademacher all heavily backed to take it. Experienced Pete wound up with the coveted trophy.

IOWA—SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS
By Bill Hawkins

OF IMPORTANCE TO WRESTLING FANS AND PROMOTERS is the "consent decree" in which the National Wrestling Alliance (N. W. A.) agreed to end what the government called "monopolistic" practices in wrestling was approved in Des Moines, Iowa, recently by Federal Judge William F. Riley.

The decree was entered simultaneously with the filing of a government complaint which accused N. W. A. of monopolizing the booking of wrestlers for professional exhibitions. N. W. A. is incorporated in Iowa, but has its headquarters in St. Louis, Mo. Sam Muchnick of St. Louis, N. W. A. president, issued a statement in which he denied N. W. A. has violated any Federal antitrust laws. He said N. W. A. since it was formed in 1943 "has been a great force for the good in wrestling." N. W. A. agreed to the consent decree, Muchnick said, "only to avoid lengthy and extensive litigation." He said he hoped all 35 N. W. A. members would adhere to the decree. In Washington, United States Attorney General Brownell released a statement which said the decree puts an end to a system which in the government's view "prevented independent promoters from obtaining adequate bookings and denied to professional wrestlers their right freely to obtain engagements, particularly for television studio exhibitions.

▶LAST MINUTE SPARKS . . . Professional boxing has come to life again in Omaha, Nebr. . . . Several Sioux City fans attended the recent boxing shows there. . . . We wish to call to your attention our new address is 2600 Roswell Street, R. R. 2, Sioux City, Iowa.

IN AND AROUND CHICAGO
By Lenny Myers

THE INTERNATIONAL BOXING CLUB, CHICAGO BRANCH, APPOINTED BEN BENTLEY as matchmaker for the Chicago Stadium. Bentley, who formerly did an outstanding job as publicity director, will replace Issy Kline who had to resign due to other business interests. . . . Nessie Blumenthal, veteran boxing manager, also was appointed manager of the Midwest Gym where all the top fighters train.

▶Spider Webb, 156, Chicago, climbed another notch up the fistic ladder in winning a ten round decision over Charley Cotton, 154, Toledo, in a bout at the huge Chicago Stadium. Cotton clinched and held on while Webb sharpshooted to the victory.

In the prelims, Benny Thomas, 180, Chicago, and Julio Mederos, 202, Havana, Cuba, fought to a standstill in a semi final ten spot. Jerry (Little Dynamite) Mortell, 141, Chicago, continued on his winning ways by hanging a defeat on Ralph Alveraz, 144, St. Paul, in six frames. Mortell, who boxes under the watchful eye of Frankie Sagilio, appears as an outstanding prospect. Davey Moore, 134, won a sixer from Jimmy Demura, 136. Barnett Thornton, 146, Chicago, won in four from Kid Chocalate, 143, Chicago.

▶Chicago—Joe Miceli, 146, New York, won a lopsided ten round decision over Carlo Sarlo, 148, Chicago, in a nationally televised affair at the Chicago Stadium. Miceli was stung by the Chicagoan in the second and third rounds with rights, but with the fifth round under way Miceli found the range. In the fifth, Miceli scored with lefts and rights to stagger Sarlo and from then on it was all Miceli.

In the prelims, Crowe Peele, 190, stopped Jimmy Saunders, 239, in the sixth round. Joe Chibe, 182, Chicago, won a four rounder from Leroy Miller in a slam bang affair. Al Jones, 156, St. Louis, beat Clarence Alford, 160, in four heats.

Soloman Boysaw, 136, won a close decision in six rounds from Willie Dillon, 138, Chicago. Cal Butler, 188, Cleveland, beat Sylvester Armstrong, 182, Chicago, in six rounds.

The gross gate was $2,285.95, with a slim turnout of 1,419 fans to see the International Boxing Club's video bout.

NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By Lewis Eskin

RAMBLING AROUND: BOXING IS STAGING A COMEBACK IN JERSEY with two clubs running on a steady if only once a month basis. Paterson and Highland Park have both shown that the fans will turn out if they are given good action fights.

The V.B.A. of Bergen-Passaic Ring No. 9th. held their annual dinner in Passaic on Nov. 24th, honoring Sheriff Norman E. Tattersall who has done a fine job for a long time.

Jersey boxing clan has been saddened by the passing of Joe Cavalier, popular Paterson boxing figure. Joe, brother of Referee Paul, had been a long time amateur boxing coach and trainer. All of his friends will miss him.

The Madison Square Garden debut of East Orange's Tex Gonzales was spoiled when he was kayoed by Yama Bahama in three rounds. Tex was over his head in this one.

▶ Paterson Armory: Bayonne's veteran Ernie Durando has had it. The popular Oil City scrapper should hang up his gloves. Although Ernie stopped a completely inept Ferando Spaldotta of Italy in 2:45 of the seventh round. He showed nothing. The less said about the fight the better. Ernie and Ferando each hit the beam at 162.

Stefan Redl, Passaic fast rising youngster, polished off the experienced Joe Lissy of New York in 2:50 of the first. Redl, at 146¼ to 148, Lissy, floored his man and had him in a bad way when the bout was stopped. Peter Schmidt, 145, New York, and Ray Apollo, 148, Newark, waged a sterling slugfest that saw Peter gain the nod in the best fight of the night. Jackie Castellani, 142, Newark, decked Bert DeWitt, 144½, Paterson, in the third and gained the four round nod. Bobby Gilmore, 126, Paterson, bested Jimmy Swearingen, 122, Newark, and Wally Henderson 155, Jersey City, shaded Sal Reo, 156, Bayonne, in the other fours. Promoters Lou and Carl Duva counted 2,000 paying fans for a total of $5,496.

▶ Highland Park: The first boxing show of the winter season drew a fine turnout and the fans were rewarded with a good action show staged by Duke Stefano. In the main bout Tim Jones, 161¼, Plainfield, spotted Bob Provizzi, 161, Freeland, Pa., the first three rounds, then chased Bob all over the ring as he battered away with both hands against his highly favored foe. However, Referee Joe Kukel was in another world and gave it to Bob by a 4-3-1 count.

Shelly Finch, 189, White Plains, played with game Chuck Welton, 186, Newark, to cop an easy nod in the semi-final six.

In the fight that stole the show (not including Kukel steal) Pete DiNardo, 161¼, Jersey City, making his pro debut, came off the floor seconds earlier to stiffen Wilbur Washington, 161, Brooklyn, in 1:57 of the second. Wilbur was out for five minutes. Pete, a former All-State football quarterback, really threw a touchdown.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
By Tom Ephrem

W. L. "Pa" Stribling, the name needs no introduction to boxing, has left us. The father of Dixie's most beloved boxer, W. L. (Young) Stribling of heavyweight renown who died after a motorcycle accident, himself passed away in Miami where "Ma", son Herbie, and "Pa" had made their home for years. The news shocked the many Stribling friends in the Southland in particular as well as in many parts of the world where the Father-Son boxing combination have travelled and made acquaintances. As so dear to his heart, "Pa's" desire was to help in church work and with "Ma" did many fine things and deeds. Son Herbie, a former boxer also, is in business in Miami and occasionally referees boxing bouts. Everyone misses "Pa" and May Dear God Rest His Kind Soul.

▶ In a close 10 rounder at Miami, Billy Kilgore marked up one more win on his comeback in gaining the decision over Franz Szuzina, of Germany, in the headline go of Promoter and Major W. H. Peeples, Jr., card. Though they fought hard, the bout wasn't exciting as the folks thought it would be. Both are aggressive but this time clinching played the lead role. Billy carried 169¼, and Franz, 165¼. Cy Gottfried refereed.

Improving Ray Estepa, of Puerto Rico, pulled up with an eight round decision in the semi-final over Paul Smith, of Denver, in what was the best fight on the card. Mike Kaplan refereed. The weights: Ray, 134½, and Paul, 134. Al Barraza, 145, scored a TKO in the first round over Tony Galotta, 146, of Miami. Johnny Tombley, 145, Miami, defeated fellow-townsman Billy Hall, 143, in four. Petey Sarron refereed. Henry Taylor, 130, won a four from Bobby Pericas, 128, of Miami. The winner is from Miami Beach.

▶ The saying, "It improves with age" is

typical of The Ring Record Book. Each passing year it's pappy, Nat Fleischer, Publisher of The Ring Magazine, has added many new features to make it the most interesting and fact-finding book of them all. The wise ones will see to it that they order immediately before all are sold. We can relate several sad instances by those who have waited until the last minute—and lost out.

▶ Promoter Chris Dundee brought back Russ Tague and Martin Rodriguez to Miami Beach, much to the regret of Tague who in an earlier conflict with the Cuban had upset Ring Magazine's number five featherweight. Toppled from the ratings because of this, Rodriguez made up for it by taking the 10 round contest.

Johnny Hand, 125, knows what they mean when told, "Three strikes and you are out." Johnny is quite a hand at losing to Rudy Ortega, 128, who whipped him for the third time, a semi-final tenner. Pat Walsh, 172, TKOed Bruce Peele, 181, in four. Peele didn't want to continue after taking a low blow, and collapsing. Al Barazza, 145, took six from Dick Custer, 148, in a terrific battle. A four went to Romeo Brennan over Len Baynard.

▶ Short but sweet would describe the main event promoted by Major W. H. Peeples, Jr., at Miami, featuring Virgil Akins and Pat Lowry. Akins, The Ring's fifth ranking welterweight and a crafty boxer, gave an excellent performance in outboxing and outpunching the puncher from Cleveland. The result: Akins the winner by a two round kayo. He weighed 149 and loser Pat, 150¼. Virgil hails from St. Louis.

Another fast rising youngster indulging in fistic warfare in the Miami locale, one Jimmy Peters, 150 pounder from Washington, D. C., turned in a fine performance by defeating Willie (Kid) Johnson, 148, Miami, in an eight heater. John Tombley, 146, Miami, looked very good in taking a six round decision over Eddie Fobbs, 144, of Fort Lauderdale. Tombley is coming up under former boxer and present amateur boxing promoter Dick Lee. Billy Hall, 144, Miami, scored a two round TKO over Kid Leonard, 146, of Newark, in a prelim. Leonard was suspended indefinitely by the Miami Boxing Commission who tagged it "quitting". Billed also out of Miami Beach, Leonard was fined $30. He had gone down twice from punches on the shoulder and had refused to come out for the second. Joe Reeves, 170, TKOed Johnny Grum, 164, in the second round. The winner calls Chattanooga home, and the loser, Miami.

▶ In only two rounds, the sixth and the eighth, did featured performers Franz Szuzina, of Germany, and James Bussey (Georgia Kid), of Augusta, provide any action for the 642 customers who paid $745 to watch them in Promoter and Major W. H. Peeples, Jr.'s card in Miami. Szuzina won by a split call.

John L. Perry, 148¾, of Detroit, copped the eight-semi from Henry Brown, 152, Augusta. John Tombley, 146½, Miami another good prospect, TKOed Pinky Silverman, 151¼, Houston, in 1:49 of the opening round. Dick Argo, 131½, Miami Beach, earned a four over Eddie Ludlow, 131½, Miami Beach, and Eddie Fobbs, 150, Hollywood, Florida, kayoed Ricco Saunders, 146¾, of Miami, in round two.

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NEWS FROM PHILADELPHIA
By Archie Pirolli

Johnny Burns, Jr., son of the late Cambria boxing promoter, is the newest promoter in the city of Philadelphia. The Cambria, one of the oldest boxing clubs in the country has been staging weekly boxing shows under the guidance of young Johnny.

▶Joe Rowan, 186, Philadelphia, had his rival in trouble several times but had to be satisfied with an eight-round unanimous decision at the Cambria Club, when Pat Roberts, 178, Philadelphia, staved off any possible knockout.

Dudley Chavis, 150, Philadelphia knockout sensation, floored Millard Peck, 158, Baltimore, twice when the referee halted the bout in the second round.

Reno Stabler, 163, Philadelphia, scored a two round TKO over Rocky Brooks, 158, Philadelphia.

▶Jake Josato, 146, Philadelphia, defeated Bobby Douglas, 146, Philadelphia, in an eight round bout, at the Cambria Club.

It was a hard fought contest with Josato doing most of the forcing while Douglas displayed the hardest punching.

Jim Howard, 128, and Leon Wallace, 128, fought a six round draw in an all Philadelphia contest. Randy Cobra, 154, Philadelphia, TKO'd Melvin Washington, 158, Wilmington, Del., in the fourth round. Joe Reynolds, KO'd Candy McFarland, 130, in the third round of an all Philadelphia bout. Jose Santos, 120, Philadelphia, defeated Frank Supplee, 120, Chester, Pa., in six.

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PITTSBURGH PUNCHES
By Mickey Davies

THIS COLUMN SHOULD CARRY A Los Angeles date line. We've been here three weeks now and it is proving quite a task—pulling out of this great mitt metropolis. Who knows, we just might decide to remain permanently.

▶Promoter Ben Anolik, who has done a bang-up job in his Steel City promotions, has just announced that he will operate bi-monthly shows at the Royal Ballroom in Wilkinsburg Borough.

Then too, out in the New Kensington-Arnold district, a club is being formed to run bi-monthly cards. "Tee" Barto will possibly act as matchmaker for this organization.

▶Thom Tannas priming his good-looking heavyweight, Garvan Sawyer, for bigger things. Sawyer trounced highly regarded Howie Turner in his last scrap.

SCRANTON AND VICINITY
By Kenneth (Duke) Stigner

SCRANTON AND NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA comes to the end of the year without having one professional show. The fans catch the TV shows and the died in the wool fans travel to Philly, New York, to catch the big ones. . . . The Elks managed to hold their yearly charity show, showing local amateurs . . . and a couple of nearby towns had the simon pures showing their wares.

▶Two of the regions best known promoters died during the late fall. Ray Hatcher, who operated in nearby Wilkes-Barre, holding forth at the South Side Armory indoors and going outdoors in the ball park for big operations, passed away after a heart attack. Roy had legions of friends among the boxing fraternity and will be greatly missed by all.

During the world series, Mike Barret, known far and wide to fans and others in the boxing game as The Midnight Mayor of Dundell during his promotional career, was also called by the great referee.

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CONNECTICUT BOXING NEWS
By Sal Giacobbe

WITH TWO GOOD SHOWS UNDER HIS BELT FOR THE PAST MONTH, promoter Sam Gulino of the Hartford Boxing Club must be convinced that Brilliant Billy Lynch, with nine straight wins and a record of 28 and 3, just can't draw in his own home town. Why? We just don't know, for Billy's the hottest fistic luminary that has been developed in Hartford for a long time and has come up with several sensational fights, all wins, in the last year. In the first of the recent two Hartford shows, both featuring Lynch, Promoter Gulino produced a recently imported Italian fighter, Corrado Mancarella, from Florida, Sicily, now making his home in Hartford. Although this was Mancarella's first bout in this country and his first bout in over 16 months, it was quite evident by the crowd's actions that three-quarters of the fans came to see him. Many of whom, we know, had never attended a boxing show before. In fact, we've never witnessed a greater demonstration for such a little known fighter, especially after the sensational fashion in which the bout ended. With this unexpected new drawing "find" the show drew 979 fans, with a gross of $1,960.50.

The second show with Lynch as the sole attraction drew 537 customers and a net gate of $844, certainly a discouraging turnout for a promoter who is striving to keep boxing in Hartford alive by developing local talent. KEEP PUNCHING SAM!

▶Now back to the two shows. In the first, Billy Lynch, 143, Hartford, was pitted against Frederico Plummer, 139½, of Panama. This was to be Lynch's third big test in a row. Instead, Lynch made things easy for himself by taking command late in the minute of the second round. As for the semi-final, the word is "fantastic". Little known, except in the Italian section, imported Corrado Mancarella, 142, Italy, was matched for eight rounds against less known Chico Modesto, 144, Puerto Rico. In the third round, Mancarella, bleeding profusely, but strong and willing, floored Modesto with a hard left hook to the body, taking all the fight out of him. With Modesto hitting the deck twice more from flurries of rights and lefts, Referee Joe Howard stepped in to stop the fight. Touching off another demonstration with more than thirty of the more avid fans jumping into the ring to kiss and hug their hero. Never saw anything to match this adoration. In another pro bout, Roy Belsito, 169, Worcester, handed promising Jimmy Monts, 166, Hartford, his first defeat, winning a four round decision.

▶In the months' second show, Billy Lynch, 147, defeated rugged Mel Collins, 149, Trenton, N. J., in the 10 round feature attraction. It was a good, clean, hard fight with Billy's superior punching and boxing ability surpassing Collin's ruggedness and durability. It was a decisive win for Lynch on Referee Al Serletti's card, getting 7 rounds to Collin's 2 and one round was called even.

The semi-final, a six rounder, was won by George Kid Ross, 138, Hartford, over Tony Grosse, 138, also Hartford, in the fourth round when Grosse sustained a cut eye from an accidental butt. Jimmy Monts, 164, Hartford, won a four round decision from Roland Smith, 165, Stamford.

▶Capital Area Sports Club, with Gil Hershman as promoter, will soon open another season at the Stanley Arena in New Britain. Other shows scheduled for the immediate future in New Haven, Waterbury and Bristol.

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IN OLD NEW ENGLAND
By Don Hamill

Holyoke—Valley Arena—Barry Allison, 150½, Chicopee Falls, regained the New England middleweight title from the man to whom he had lost it, Don Williams, 156, Worcester, in a twelve rounder.

Augie Turiano, 185, Brooklyn, experienced little difficulty in disposing of Bob McQuade, 185, Springfield, at the end of the first round. Bobby Soares, 125, Providence, punched out a six round decision over Jackie Spurgeon, 119, New York, in a pleasing bout. Jimmy Tate, 151, Northampton, halted green Art Bertie, 147, Springfield, in the third of a rough four rounder. Sonny Boykin, 155, Westover Field, punched too hard and too often for Sal Contino, 160, Boston, and took the four round opener by decision.

▶Holyoke—Valley Arena—Ted Doncaster, 173, Sackville, N. B., carried the necessary dynamite in his fists to bring down heavyweight Augie Turiano, 179, Brooklyn, in the third of their ten round feature. Turiano was down twice in the second and three times in the third before Referee Joe Cashman halted the bout to save him from further punishment.

Dave Grant, 148, Boston, scored a stunning kayo over Ronnie Chapdelaine, 153, Springfield, in the second round of the six round semi-final. Jimmy Tate, 155, Northampton, hammered out his second straight kayo by stopping George (Blinky) Hill, 154, Springfield, in the second round of a four-spot. Roy Belsito, 172, Worcester, annihilated an inept Rocky Vigliano, 165, Northampton, in the first round.

▶Boston Garden—Tony DeMarco, 146, former welterweight title holder of Boston, turned back another former champ, Kid Gavilan, 148, Cuba, by taking a unanimous ten round decision. DeMarco fought an inside fight and jolted the Cuban Keed with short blows to the head and body. Gavilan appeared as fast as ever but his punches had no effect on tough Tony. DeMarco tried hard for a kayo in the later rounds but each time he rocked the Cuban Gavilan fought back with a flurry of his own.

Eddie Thompson, 154½, New York, continued to be a nemesis to New England fighters when he handed a bad beating to Eddie Andrews, 153, Lowell, and stopped him in the sixth of an eight rounder. Willie Stevenson, 140½, Boston, outboxed Jimmy Watkins, Jr., 140, New London, in eight rounds. Earl Matthews, 140, Boston, ruined the American debut of Pat McCoy, 135, Ireland, in another eight spot. Jim Thornton, 173½, Boston, outpointed Floyd McCoy, 173½, New York. Guy LoConte, 146, Malden, drew with Robert Ross, 143, Brooklyn, in the four rounders.

▶Holyoke—Valley Arena—Eddie Demars, 170, Springfield, promoted to main events looked the part of a star bout fighter by handing a lacing to the more experienced Joe Shaw, 163½, New York, in ten rounds.

Billy (Kid) Clark, 148, Westfield, outpunched Georgie Haynes, 147¾, New York, in a pleasing six round bout. Jeff Dyer, 220, Springfield, eked out a close one over Shelly Finch, 188, Brooklyn, in another sixer. Bobby Soares, 126, Providence, outpunched Raphael LaBoy, 133, Puerto Rico, who was billed as Ramon LaBoy. Don Webber, 160, Tilton, N. H., and Milton Ebbs, 164¾, New York, ended up all even after four rounds.

▶Boston—Mechanic's Hall—Gaspar Ortega, 148, Mexico, decisioned Isaac Logart, 146, Cuba, to score a 4 to 1 upset in their ten rounder which was nationally televised. Logart tried to slow the Indian down with a body attack which failed. Ortega racked up a slight edge with his sharp punches to the head. One of the judges voted a draw but the other two officials favored Ortega by margins of 1 and 2 points.

Walt Byers, 143¼, Roxbury, scored three knockdowns in scoring a one-sided duke over Grant Campbell, 143½, New York, in the eight round semi-final. Jim Thornton, 171¾, Boston, whipped Joe Thomas, 177¼, Elizabeth, in six rounds. Rocky Leone, 139¾, outfought Rocky Sullivan, 142, in an all-Dorchester six. Billy Priest, 157½, Cambridge, kayoed Jack Silva, 155, New York, in two rounds. Johnny O'Brien, 161, Boston, returned to action with a KO over Art Palmer, 166, Brooklyn, in three heats.

▶Holyoke—Valley Arena—Barry Allison, 150¼, Chicopee Falls, used a new found punch to batter out a unanimous decision over former titlist, Sammy Walker, 156½, Springfield, in an eleven round bout for the New England middleweight championship. Allison had wanted ten rounds and Walker the twelve round distance, so a compromise of eleven rounds was reached. Allison scored two knockdowns in winning. Walker ducked into a right hand in the first and was knocked flat onto his back from a right to the jaw in the third round.

Al Powell, 145¾, New York, outmaneuvered Billy (Kid) Clark, 147½, Westfield to punch out a lop-sided six round decision. Jeff Dyer, 215½, Springfield, belted out Richie Norden, 195, Stamford, Conn., in a rousing bout. Jack Spurgeon, 115, New York, uncorked a right to the jaw that felled Kid Chick, 120, Southwick, in the second round for the full count. Roy Belsito, 169, Worcester, gained a split decision over Willie Rice, 168, Great Barrington, in a four rounder.

▶Boston Arena—Nino Valdes, 208, Cuba, showed that he is still able to turn back the likes of Bob Woodall, 213, Boston, when he stopped the latter in the third round. Valdes, a 3 to 1 favorite, dropped Woodall three times in the second round. In the third Valdes bided his time until the opening he was waiting for came. He crossed over a right and as Woodall started to sink he landed a left hook to the jaw.

Julius Griffin, 192½, New York, had an easy time belting out Joe (Boy) Woods, 184, Westover Field, in the third of a sixer. Robert Ross, 143, Brooklyn, handed Guy LoConte, 146½, Malden, his first defeat by taking a four round decision. Milton Ebbs, 164, New York, won on a TKO over Don Webber, 160, Tilton, N. H., when the latter suffered a cut eye in the fourth round. Pat McCarthy, Jr., 127, Roxbury, racked up his fifth straight win by stopping George Wells, 126½, Worcester, in the second also because of a cut eye.

▶Holyoke — Valley Arena — Steve Ward, 141, Hartford, scored an upset ten round decision over Bobby Murphy, 143, Brighton. Ward won nine of the ten rounds with the first being tabbed as even. Ward boxed beautifully, punched sharply, and did everything just right to further deflate the Rookie of 1955.

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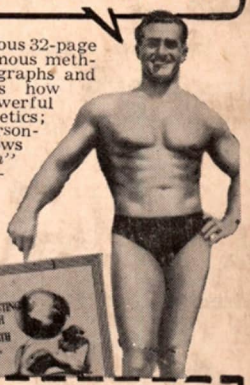

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